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HIGH PRICES SAID CAUSING HOUSEWIVES TO PURCHASE NON-KOSHER MEAT

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO –

The Jewish housewife wants the best product and so she ends up paying more. This is one observation made by Nachman Shemen, director of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, Orthodox Division, of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region and Rabbi Gedalia Felder, chairman of the same committee, after meetings with Toronto's kosher meat packers.

Shemen and Felder cited observations made by the packers concerning the Jewish housewife. Because she wants choice pieces, the packers said a lot of meat parts are left over. In turn, these leftovers can only be sold at reduced prices as hamburger or salami. Because of Jewish custom, the packers buy only the front end of the cow, whereas it is claimed, it would be cheaper to buy the whole animal.

It is contended it would be cheaper to bring slaughtered meat from the West instead of shipping the whole animal. But all Toronto kosher meat is slaughtered here.

The Jewish housewife, today, nearly always depends on the butcher to kosher her meat for her, as well as expecting the meat to be trimmed and delivered. All these factors, claim the packers, add to their overhead.

Shemen, in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News, points out another major problem – no one has the power to enforce price controls. As he said: "We have no control over prices. This must be done by the government. Although the government is not anxious to freeze prices, they should at least have controls."

Rabbi Felder also feels that the federal government should be stricter (as is the case in some states in the United States) with those who pass off meat as being kosher and charge kosher prices, but which is, in reality, not kosher. If in doubt about the claims of a butcher, Shemen suggests the housewife check with his department.

Shemen and Felder met with the packers after they received messages of public concern over the cost of kosher meat. One petition signed by 37 women from across Toronto, reads in part: "I am certainly willing to pay some monies to ensure the animals are killed in the prescribed manner and also for the necessary supervision. However, I feel I am being discriminated against . . . The price of all cuts of kosher meat today is unreasonable . . . More and more Jewish women are being forced, because of these totally unreasonable prices, to buy non-kosher meat. This is the first step in turning people away from Judaism."

The problem is not Toronto's alone. A memo from the CJC office in Vancouver begins: "A number of dietary observant co-religionists have formed an alliance in protest over the high price of kosher food and supplies and with the objective of avoiding the middleman."

But, are petitions the only means available to the Jewish housewive to ameliorate this situation? Not so say these two men, who provide the following suggestions. "Have a talk with meat suppliers and let them see you are objecting," suggests Shemen. He also notes there is competition in the field so women should find the cheapest places and buy only from there.

Rabbi Felder points out that the Jewish housewife should be realistic. There are many kosher products, such as ketchup, that are priced the same as their non-kosher counterparts. He also notes that cakes and cookies must cost more because one cannot lessen the price by using lard.

In terms of Passover products, the rabbi says the products made in Canada are "practically the same price, but those from the United States are higher." He offers the following suggestion: "If Jewish housewives approach Canadian companies that can produce kosher products for Passover, such as canning companies, our kashruth committee will provide the supervision. But the demand has to come from the consumer."

In the meantime, the exasperated Jewish housewife can take consolation in the fact that this is not a new problem. Shemen and his colleague point out that such conditions have existed since Talmudic times. They also stress that there are a number of Talmudic references showing strong condemnation of merchants who raised prices unfairly and against people who hoarded food to cause a panic.

There even exists the suggestion of boycotting certain items. It was felt that in such cases, it was better to do without and give the money to tzedakah, instead.

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Knesset member punched

JERUSALEM (JCNS) –

Punches were thrown in an angry Knesset scene last week when Meir Wilner, a Rakah (Moscow - backed) Communist Party member, accused the government of having caused the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War.

There were catcalls from the floor and disturbances when Wilner, turning to the Right-wing Likud members (a coalition of Herut, Liberal Party, State List and Free Centre) declared: "It is your policy of annexation which has led to this. The blood of our sons is upon your heads."

A number of Herut members jumped on to the rostrum and began forcibly ejecting him with several well delivered punches thrown in the process. The acting Speaker, Mrs. Tova Sanhedrai, was unable to restore order and hastily departed from the chamber.

Several other members led by the Deputy Premier, Yigal Allon, sought to divide the warring parties. Likud members were adamant that Wilner should not be allowed to continue his address – an unprecedented event in the Knesset's history.

Members of many parties expressed sympathy with the Herut MKs outburst although some felt here that it would have been more appropriate for all 117 members -- other than the Rakah group -- to have walked out and left Wilner to address an empty chamber.

Keen fight seen for board seats at Beth Tzedec

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO –

Two slates are again involved in a bitter fight for seats on the Beth Tzedec Congregation board of governors. About 4,500 persons are eligible to vote in the elections of the 30-member board from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Sunday (Nov. 11) at the congregation's annual general meeting.

The slates are New Era/74 which last year as The New Board for A New Era elected its full group of 22 to the board. Opposing them is a faction called "Help Restore Community to the Beth Tzedec." The former is running a full slate of 30, the latter has 24 candidates. There are four other candidates not on slates.

Of the 22 New Era candidates elected last year, 20 are running again. Dropping off the slate are Stanley Soll, who is campaigning as an independent, and Sydney Gangbar, for health reasons. For the first time, women are eligible to be voted to the board and New Era/74 has Judy Feld and Greta Greisman running.

Four of the 'Help Restore' group, which is headed by Abe Posluns, are members of the present board. They include Posluns, Mannie Brown, Jules Surdin and William Crocker. Three women are on their slate – Ida Benstein, Anne Golden, and Enid Gold Hildebrand. Among some of their more prominent new candidates are Wayne Tanenbaum, Robert Kaplan, Sam Shopsowitz and Sydney L. Robins.

In an interview with The Canadian Jewish News, A.R. Gellman, congregation board chairman, said "nobody can deny Beth Tzedec has had a great number of problems to contend with in the last year. In spite of this, no matter how you measure the success of an administration, there's nobody who can argue that in any year of the past decade, there have been more positive programs, more changes for the better, more return of members to the synagogue and more fulfillment."

One of the major differences separating the slates is how they stand on the key issue of Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg, who was dismissed in January of this year by the New Era board.

In its platform, 'Help Restore' says a new board must be elected, "free of personal involvements and hostilities, and with no conflict of purpose, so that a process of negotiation, conciliation and compromise leading to private arbitration or settlement can begin immediately."

The 'Help Restore' board's initial steps, if elected, would be:

– to instruct Beth Tzedec's counsel to meet promptly with Rabbi Rosenberg's counsel in order to explore all possible avenues of compromise leading to a private arbitration for an out-of-court settlement, consistent with the best interests of Beth Tzedec;

– to normalize relations with the Rabbinical Assembly so as to resolve the impasse which deprives us of access to prominent rabbis and speakers;

– to use their best efforts to terminate all litigation arising out of the present conflict, being mindful of the fact that any public trial will hurt the Beth Tzedec and the entire Jewish community.

In its campaign literature, 'Help Restore' says "they are neither pro- nor anti-Rosenberg and they do not seek his continuance in of-

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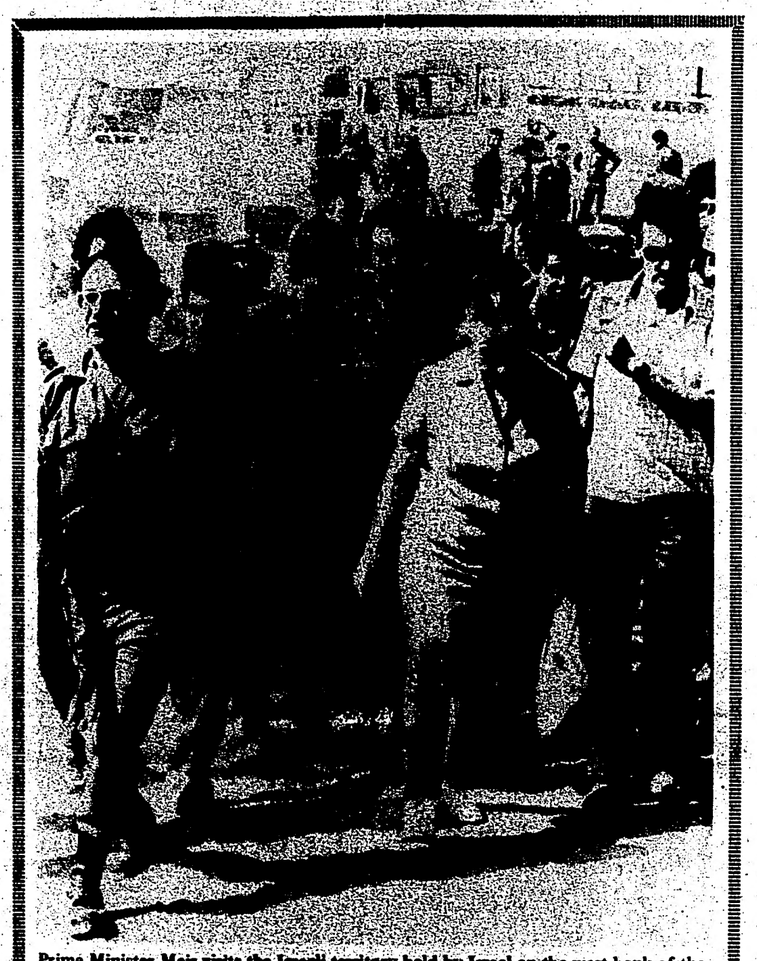

Prime Minister Meir visits the Israeli territory held by Israel on the west bank of the Suez Canal. Behind Mrs. Meir is Chief of Staff Brig.-Gen. David Elazar. (Israel Sun)

Fund to ascertain needs of northeast, Granovsky reports

TORONTO –

Movement of the Jewish population into new areas in the northeast, the west and northwest of Metropolitan Toronto is being watched closely by the United Jewish Welfare Fund so as to ascertain what services will be required by these segments of the community.

This was reported by UJWF president Phil Granovsky, at the annual meeting last week, held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

"The Jewish community," said Granovsky, "is beginning to examine its responsibilities for new areas and how to plug in services and relate to the people in these areas. These groupings have a need for service and present a number of problems that we have to be alert to and meet realistically."

Granovsky, who was re-elected president of the Welfare Fund at the meeting, said the Jewish community's executive directors' council has met with provincial authorities who are currently discussing plans for the North Pickering development. This development may be five or 10 years off but, he said, "we recognize that this is a direction into which Jews may move so we asked for an opportunity to present our thinking and our philosophy to be incorporated into any consideration for development in that area."

Granovsky said the Welfare Fund has been conducting and is continuing to conduct a number of studies of community matters. These include:

-- A review of the most effective way of securing government financing, where applicable. The Welfare Fund has been successful in obtaining some of this financing.

-- A study of chaplaincy services, conducted jointly by the UJWF and Canadian Jewish Congress, made major recommendations - as reported earlier in The Canadian Jewish News.

-- The financial supplementation program, administered by the Jewish Family and Child Service, is under constant review to determine its adequacy and its effectiveness as a rehabilitative tool.

-- The Creative Living Centre of the Council of Jewish Women was studied and as a result of recommendations of this study, the centre was spun off as an independent agency and has made application to the United Community Fund for funding. The UJWF has assisted the new agency by loaning staff to direct its initial efforts in the reorganization process.

-- A study is under way on the work of the Jewish Students Federation, after two years of operation at York University.

-- The Welfare Fund is studying the most effective way in which Camp Tamarack can be used by the community. The property is no longer being used as a Boy Scouts camp and has been offered to the Welfare Fund.

-- The special study on Jewish education is almost complete and interim reports are due early in 1974.

-- A comprehensive report has been prepared on services available for the elderly and is the basis for expansion of the program of

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B'nai B'rith joins the national CIC

TORONTO –

The district board of governors of District 22, B'nai B'rith has given unanimous approval to a motion accepting the invitation of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Zionist Federation to join them in the national Canada-Israel Committee.

E. James Cooper, District 22 president, informed Aaron Pollock, of Montreal, the national chairman, that B'nai B'rith is privileged to be a part "in this vit organization and looks ward to many years of productivity." He assured Pollock that B'nai B'rith will do its part in every way possible to help fulfil the important aims of the committee, in particular as it relates to Israel in the important areas involving government relations, contact with the various media and the academics.

E. James Cooper

Cooper said the past three weeks have amply illustrated the need for one unified body, speaking with one voice on behalf of Canadian Jewry.

"The unity and co-operation shown by the leadership of each of our organizations was exemplary, and Canadian B'nai B'rith, on behalf of its 10,000 members from Windsor to Halifax, is anxious and willing to do everything within their power for furtherance of our mutual aspirations," Cooper declared.

Sol Kanee, Winnipeg, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, Philip Givens, Toronto, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, and Cooper have met on several occasions in recent months to work out details of this expanded partnership.

Libel writ filed against leaders

TORONTO –

The ongoing dispute between Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg and the board of governors of Beth Tzedec Congregation took a new turn last week when the rabbi filed a libel writ against five individuals, three of them board members.

Rabbi Rosenberg, dismissed from his position last January, is asking for unspecified damages on the basis that Boardletter No. 5, distributed to 2,300 congregation members, contained statements which he claims were libelous.

Named in the libel action are: Dr. Fred Weinberg, synagogue president; Albert R. Gellman, board chairman; Max Milstone, board secretary; Marvin Miller, a candidate for the board and Greta Greisman, public relations committee chairman.

Rabbi Rosenberg gave the following statement to The Canadian Jewish News:

"It is well known to the Jewish Theological Seminary which has been serving as a go-between in the dispute between Beth Tzedec Congregation and myself, that I have agreed to binding arbitration of the suit for breach of contract which I launched against the congregation.

"I have been amazed to discover, however, that a Boardletter No. 5, issued in September, which I claim contains false and malicious libels against me, was never discussed by the executive committee and never brought before the board of governors. In other words, this Boardletter is not a Boardletter at all -- but the work of a few people who have distributed these libels without the authority or knowledge of the board of governors.

"In these circumstances, I had no other recourse but to have the truth revealed as to who distributed these libels and to have my name cleared in order that I may once again be respected as a Jewish leader and credible rabbi."

Monkey see, monkey do

JERUSALEM (JTA) –

Inmates of the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, which suffered heavy losses during the Six Day War shelling, took this war in their stride, says zoo director Aharon Shulov.

All cages now have built-in air raid shelters and the animals – particularly the more intelligent ones like chimpanzees – ran to them whenever there was the sound of a siren or even when an Israeli jet zooms overhead. Even at the sound of building blasts nearby, the chimps and orangutans dive into their shelters and cover thear heads with their hands.

Lodge provides respirator

A unique life saver

By BRIAN STONEMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –

Equipment supplied to the Safed Medical Centre in the Northern Galilee by B'nai B'rith, Upper Canada Lodge, here, has been credited with saving at least 30 lives during the Yom Kippur War.

Dr. Mordecai Gerstein, chief cardiologist at the centre, told The Canadian Jewish News last week that of this equipment, an Ohio Volume-cycled Respirator, "proved to be of critical importance." It was the only respirator of its kind in the hospital (used to treat lung complications of war injuries) and one of six respirators, "a grossly inadequate total."

From the outset of the war, it was put to use around the clock, Gerstein emphasized. "I know for Safed it was a critical donation, of critical importance and saved many lives."

The Orthodox doctor, 37, and married with three young daughters, was participating in the Emergency Appeal Drive for Israel, which he made home after leaving the U.S. a year ago. "Not being a surgeon, my services could be spared temporarily until I complete this trip," he explained.

He said his tour of U.S. cities and Toronto has been extremely successful. "We have strengthened existing ties and established new ties between ourselves."

Such donations, he continually stressed, proved invaluable during the recent fighting near the front line hospital. Newly opened, the 250-bed facility, overcame some difficulties in equipment shortage and with augmentation of staff, treated 90% of the Golan Heights – Syrian front wounded.

The BB lodge, he said, had requested a list of needed equipment last spring and provided the respirator; the most expensive item listed ($6,000) as well as other smaller items.

An Ohio volume-cycled Respirator, an expensive and critical piece of equipment in the treatment of lung complications of war injuries, was donated by Upper Canada Lodge, B'nai B'rith. This is in use at the Safed Medical Centre in northern Galilee. (B.B. photo)

See effects of war

Study groups visit Israel

TORONTO –

The Toronto members of a special Israel Study mission returned to Toronto this week and another group left three days later on a similar mission.

Leader of the Toronto group, part of a 35-man Canadian mission, was George A. Cohon, chairman of the Toronto State of Israel Bond Emergency Campaign. The members left Nov. 3 for a quick visit which included a visit to the battlefields, top level briefings and a survey of Israel's war-affected economy.

The second group left Nov. 6 bound on a similar mission. The leader was Philip Givens, president of the Canadian Zionist Organization. It included Dr. Leon Kronitz, executive vice-president CZF; Max Schecter, national vice-president and Frank Dimant, executive director. During their week's visit, they will complete arrangements for the Masada pilgrimage scheduled for late December.

The CZF officials will report back to the various federation branches on their return.

The Israel Study Mission, which returned Wednesday, visited the bridgehead on the West bank of the Suez and talked with army generals. They spoke with Prime Minister Golda Meir, Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir and others on Israel's economic, political and military situation.

The Toronto delegation led by Cohon consisted of Alex Grossman, Phil Roth, Jack Schwartz, Henry Zagdanski, Harry Frank, Chaim Neuberger, Ken McGowan, Dr. Norman W. Shaul, Murray Goldman, Rabbi David Monson, Jerry Mandell, Ben Winbaum, Lawrence Shankman, Ted Sherman, Irving Ungerman and Herbert Levy.

Why did foe stop?

By MARCIA SINGER

TORONTO –

Egyptian forces could have advanced farther than they did in the first days of the Yom Kippur War, says a leading Israeli journalist.

Naomi Kaplansky, producer – director of a popular television show, said the Egyptian formation, a line of missile carriers followed by rows of tanks, armored cars and infantry, were "like a wall against us. Fortunately, we had more mazel than sechel in those early days and the Egyptian commanders, instead of continuing into Sinai, stopped at

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U.S. Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger waves while walking with Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban. On a brief visit there, he helped arrange the ceasefire. (IPPA)

Limited victory sought

Failure of Arabs upsets Russia's plans

LONDON (JCNS) -

We may not know for some time the exact role of the Soviet Union in the origins of the fourth Middle East War but there are already some reactions which appear to indicate the Soviet attitude towards the war is not completely uniform, writes the JCNS East Europe correspondent.

There would seem to be three main Soviet trends, each with a somewhat different set of priorities. First there are the supporters of detente, headed by Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist Party leader, who has dominated the international scene. The fact that the Soviet press, on the whole, has been subdued in its reporting of the war, certainly by comparison with the 1967 Six Day War, would appear to be an indication of this influence.

Then there are the hard-liners who regard any detente with the United States as both a political and an ideological retreat. They have always been known to favor more active Soviet involvement in the Middle East, even at the risk of a confrontation with the United States. In 1967, a number of hard-liners were dismissed because they wanted the Soviet Union to intervene militarily on the Arab side.

Third, there is the Soviet army with political and military considerations of its own. Sometimes it has displayed a hard-line attitude.

At the outbreak of hostilities it appeared the Soviet leadership regarded a limited Arab victory as the best solution. A decisive Arab victory could hardly have served Soviet aims, because it was mainly the struggle against Israel which necessitated Soviet aid and so strengthened Egyptian and Syrian dependence on the Soviet Union.

The first days of the war, however, failed to achieve the one result the Soviet leaders would expect from the Egyptian and Syrian armies as a pre-condition for a partial Arab victory. In spite of the surprise attack on thinly manned Israeli lines, neither the Egyptians nor the Syrians effected a decisive breakthrough.

The second Soviet miscalculation concerned possible American reaction. All the indications are that Moscow did not expect the great airlift of supplies by America to Israel to replace her war losses and provide additional means of defence in response to the Soviet Union's own vast re-equipment of the Arabs by air and sea.

Then Israel's penetration of the west bank of the Suez Canal, with her army putting out of action the Soviet SAM missile sites and the use by her army and air force of electronic countermeasures to the missile menace, made the Soviet Union reluctant for the fighting to continue.

In military terms, any display of inferiority of Soviet weaponry raises awkward questions. The Soviet leaders have not forgotten the ferment in the Polish and Czechoslovak officer corps after the destruction of the Arab armies and air forces and the capture of their Soviet equipment in the Six Day War. Such issues raises questions about the efficacy of the Warsaw-pact states in any possible confrontation with the NATO countries.

Deliberate plot is seen behind synagogue blast

NEW YORK (JTA) -

Police are continuing their search for the person or persons responsible for firebombing a synagogue on the Lower East Side recently. Mayor John V. Lindsay directed Police Commissioner Donald Cawley "to make every effort to apprehend those who committed this sickening act and to provide additional security in the area."

Rabbi Nison Alpert, spiritual leader of the 75-year-old Chevra Bachurim B'nei Ahavas Achim synagogue, reported that the sanctuary had been totally destroyed and that damage to the edifice is estimated at more than $100,000. According to the Metropolitan New York Co-ordinating Council on Jewish Poverty and the United Jewish Council of the East Side, this was the 16th incident of arson or major vandalism involving a Jewish house of worship on the Lower East Side during the last two years.

Lindsay condemned "this atrocious act" and urged any New Yorker having information as to the identity of those who committed this act to call the local police department's ninth precinct. He pledged that "we will not rest until" the firebombers have been apprehended.

"Rabbi Alpert and the congregants of his synagogue have long resided in this area, which is rich with Jewish tradition and culture," Lindsay stated. "Their right and the right of every New Yorker to attend prayer services with ease and security must be upheld."

Rabbi Alpert, who is also the president of the Jewish Community Council of the Lower East Side, said that the synagogue's total destruction "leaves us nowhere to go, nowhere." Rabbi Joseph Langer, executive director of the United Jewish Council, said the firebombing was 'deliberate and premeditated."

Asked if he could attribute a motive for the act, Rabbi Langer told the JTA: "I would say that this is part of a systematic plot to chase Jews out of the neighborhood, to frighten them into leaving."

Rabbi Alpert expressed a similar view, adding, "we were the last synagogue in this area to hold daily services. Now there are none." He noted that worshippers on their way to and from services had been subjected to taunts and rock-throwing from young people on the street.

Once flourishing districts deserted by Boston's Jews

By RAPHAEL ROTHSTEIN

BOSTON (JCNS) -

The once-flourishing Jewish neighborhoods of Boston's inner city are now wastelands. Five years ago there were about 60,000 Jews living in the Mattapan - Dorchester areas, but today there are only a few hundred elderly, poor, persecuted and scared Jews left.

For those Jews not healthy or prosperous enough to move to the more affluent Jewish suburbs of Brookline and Newton, the community they have known all their lives co- -ts now of row upon row of desolate homes, many of them firebombed by angry gangs of poor Negroes.

Street after street of Jewish stores are boarded up. Walls, windows and mail boxes bear spray painted swastikas. Synagogues are gutted and desolate and some have been handed over by the Jewish "establishment" to Negro church and community groups for use as meeting houses and schools.

In one instance, the Boston Jewish Council sold the home of the New England Hebrew Academy to a woman named Elma Lewis for $1. She turned the premises into a Negro "liberation" school propagating a militantly anti-Israel line.

According to Rabbi Marvin Antelman, the head of the Jewish Survival Legion in Boston, Miss Lewis symbolizes the kind of blackmail and terror tactics being used by extremist Negroes in their drive to make Mattapan-Dorchester "Judenrein".

He has openly accused her of inciting arson and other crimes, as well as of teaming up with the Black Panthers and other Negro groups in inflaming anti-Semitism and intimidating Boston city officials.

Rabbi Antelman recently won a libel suit brought against him by Miss Lewis.

The plight of the Jewish remnant living in fear in older Boston neighborhoods is a major concern of Rabbi Antelman's group and the Jewish Defence League.

Both groups maintain patrols and report acts of murder and other violence and harassment against hapless aged Jews.

There are instances of terrorized Jews being forced to pay neighborhood hoodlums before being allowed to enter and leave their houses.

The story has been widely told, though, of Charles Shumrack, a retired 79-year-old fruit dealer, who last March attended a minyan at a small synagogue near his home in Mattapan. After the service, Shumrack approached Rabbi Samuel Korff and, noting the dwindling Jewish community, said: "I hope the synagogue will be kept open." The rabbi assured him that it would be kept open "as long as you are alive and come to the synagogue."

Content, Mr. Shumrack smiled, embraced the rabbi and walked away, tears in his eyes. That night he was found dead in his first floor apartment, his rent money gone.

The front and back doors of his apartment had been forced open and some of his clothes were strewn about the backyard.

80 temples mourn

LOS ANGELES (JTA) -

Nearly 80 temples and synagogues throughout Southern California observed a spiritual day of communal introspection called "Yom Kippur Sheni" (a second Yom Kippur) to mourn those who have fallen in the latest Middle East war and to reaffirm the profound bonds of solidarity which exist between the local community and Israel.

Proposed as an extraordinary response of the human spirit to the bloodshed and devastation of the Yom Kippur War, the special memorial was a day of fasting and prayer beginning at dawn and continuing until dusk. Prayers were recited to the sounding of the shofar in every participating temple and synagogue between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

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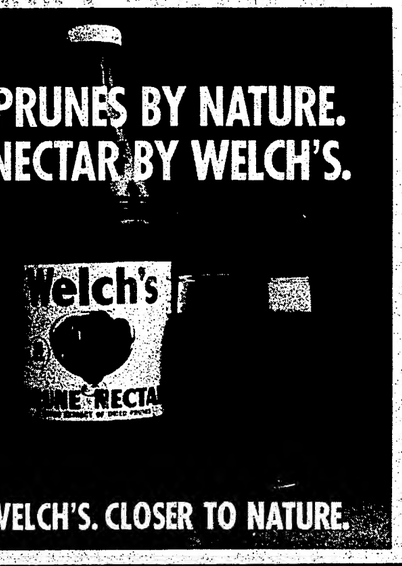

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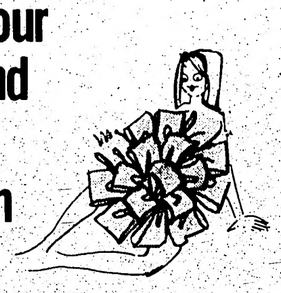
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Children, members of Montreal's Jewish community, are raising money for Israel's Emergency Fund. The youngsters are typical of many who have rallied with support.

Heritage exhibit wins Shroder Award

WINNIPEG -

International recognition is being accorded to the Jewish community of Winnipeg as a result of the achievements of the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada. The William J. Shroder Award for 1973 is being presented here by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in recognition of "the special significance of the establishment of the Jewish Museum of Western Canada and its first exhibit, **Journey Into Our Heritage**, said Stanley C. Myers of New York, chairman of the awards committee.

The submission was made by the Canadian Jewish Congress, Western Region, and the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, proposing the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada and the **Journey Into Our Heritage** museum exhibit for the honor.

The William J. Shroder Award is presented annually in recognition of meritorious achievement by voluntary organizations under Jewish auspices in the United States and Canada. The award is made in three categories - large cities, intermediate cities and small cities.

The Winnipeg Jewish community and the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada will receive one of only three awards being made this year. Winnipeg is in the intermediate city category. (The Federation of Jewish Agencies of Philadelphia is receiving a large city award for its Jewish education program and the Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California an honorable mention citation.)

The award will be presented to a representative of the Winnipeg delegation at the 42nd general assembly of the CJFWF in New Orleans on Saturday evening, Nov. 10.

Journey Into Our Heritage was presented for six months in co-sponsorship with the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature. It was funded primarily by a federal government multicultural grant to the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada, who also benefitted from a Manitoba government cultural affairs grant.

Generations join in solidarity

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON -

Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Temple Anshe Sholom brought all those assembled on the speakers' platform to their feet with his speech at Hamilton's solidarity rally outside City Hall.

From toddlers clutching homemade flags to old age pensioners, Hamilton's Jews turned out in force for the rally, which began with a march around the square in front of City Hall, led by about 10 members of Maccabee Branch 343 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Among the speakers was Labor Minister John Munro, who began by saying that "on this most unhappy occasion . . . our hearts go out to you."

The minister spoke of the federal government's commitment "to the right of Israel to live . . . within its recognized boundaries" and went on to say "we must bring our influence to bear to achieve that objective."

Father John Sherlock of St. Charles Garnier Roman Catholic church, quoted from the letter in support of Israel by Father John Kelly and 13 others from St. Michael's College, Toronto, recently published in **The Globe and Mail**, and the Rev. Rex Dolan of Westdale United Church spoke of the desire for "shalom - the well-being of all men.

"You, as Jewish people, might lead the world in that maturity of mind and heart in which all people can live together in peace," he said.

Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel, who recently spent four months in Israel, spoke of the Jews' bitter struggle for survival with their cousins, the Arabs, and mentioned the fact, well known to anyone who has visited Israel, that those Arabs within its borders live in peace with the Israelis.

The same point was made by Rabbi Baskin, the rally's main speaker.

"We do not hate Arabs," he said. "There has not been one act of treachery, not one act of sabotage, not one act of disloyalty in occupied territory," proving, he went on, that "co-existence is possible, indeed, a reality."

Meanwhile, a Hamilton couple who returned recently said that many Arabs expressed the wish to join the Israeli army.

Millie and Morris Redner are frequent visitors to Israel, where they have a daughter, Helen, a freelance journalist living in Jerusalem.

Betcherman and Zelicovitz

Community leaders honored at dinner

By GARY LEVINE
CJN Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA -

Three hundred members of the Ottawa Jewish community attended a dinner at the Jewish Community Centre in honor of Alex Betcherman and Solomon Zelicovitz, two of Ottawa Jewry's most respected citizens, who have been in the forefront of community leadership for over half a century.

The dinner, which was sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom, in conjunction with the State of Israel Bond drive, was highlighted by a nation-wide conference call with Prime Minister Golda Meir.

In her remarks, which were amplified over the Jewish Community Centre's loudspeaker system, Mrs. Meir spoke of the war and Israel's objectives in it.

"The cost has been very high," she said. "But Israel must live and will live. Peace must be achieved."

Also present at the dinner was Dr. Theodor Meron, Israeli ambassador to Canada who congratulated the Ottawa Jewish community on its generous and whole-hearted support of the state of Israel in its hour of crisis.

"I am very proud," said Dr. Meron, "to be a member of the Ottawa Jewish community."

Allan Bronfman, president of the State of Israel Bonds for Canada and president of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University presented Betcherman with an honorary fellowship of Hebrew University and Zelicovitz with the Hebrew University medal.

Betcherman has served for many years as a leader of various Jewish organizations in Ottawa. He was formerly a president of the Jewish Community Council, chairman of UJA, chairman of JNF, and is presently JNF Negev dinner chairman.

Zelicovitz has long been held in great esteem in Ottawa for his forceful leadership in many facets of community life. He has been active in the Ottawa Free Loan Society for many years.

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Surrender to oil blackmail would be selling out Israel

Now it's Canada's turn to feel the pressures of oil blackmail. At this point in time, it appears most likely that the Arab states are going to ban oil shipments to this country, or at least curtail them considerably, because Canada is considered "pro-Israel".

Perhaps the Arab leaders who decide these matters read the House of Commons address of External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp recently. This was during an emergency debate on the Mideast crisis, and Mr. Sharp probably incurred the wrath of the oil sheiks by stating without adjectival emphasis that Egypt and Syria started the war. As befits a government minister holding the extremely sensitive portfolio of external affairs, Mr. Sharp was careful not to create the impression that he believed all virtue was on one side and all evil on the other.

It was altogether a thoughtful, well balanced address in which Mr. Sharp stressed that a ceasefire in itself would not bring about peace. His declaration that Canadian policy begins with the premise that Israel has a right to exist "just like any other state in the world and the right to exist behind secure and recognized boundaries," no doubt enraged the Arab leaders. If Canadians suffer from a fuel shortage this winter, don't blame Mr. Sharp; he simply told it as it was.

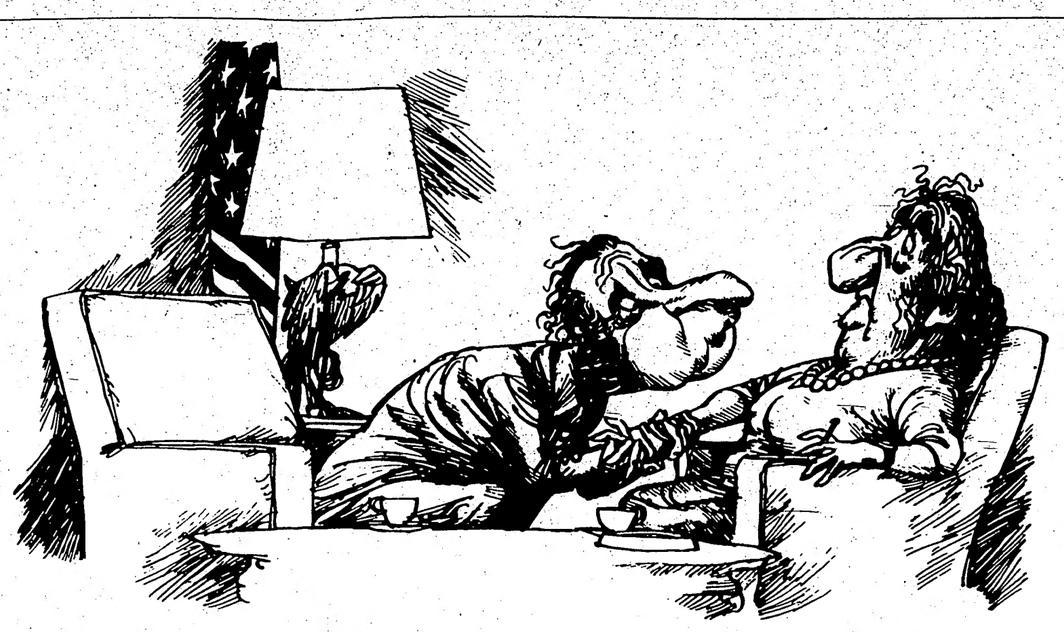
There are some who feel that Mr. Sharp should have been more forceful, more aggressive in putting the blame where it belongs, but undue emphasis in this regard would have been less effective than the minister's admirable, well balanced remarks. After all, he did tell the Commons that Egyptian and Syrian forces had "violently broken" the 1967 truce agreement. A few words, but most effective ones.

Whether Canada is to play a role in the United Nations peacekeeping force in the Mideast is in doubt as we go to press. Russia, at the behest of its Arab allies, objected to Canada being asked to provide logistical support for the United Nations Emergency Force. All this aside, it surely must be obvious to the big powers that a UN peacekeeping force needs to be large enough and armed enough to eliminate the possibility of another 1967 fiasco when the UN force was kicked out of the Mideast by Egypt.

It is inconceivable that oil blackmail should succeed in its objective of completely isolating Israel as a major step in the destruction of the Jewish state. A great deal of nonsense has been circulated about the impending paralysis of North America and Europe by the oil boycott. Certainly there will be shortages with the inconveniences that these bring, but the cut in imports of crude from the Persian Gulf oil producing countries will not cripple the United States and Canada.

Surrender to blackmail can never be more than a very temporary solution that simply postpones the inevitable. The free world must resist oil blackmail. Canada and its powerful neighbor to the south cannot permit their foreign policies to be formulated by other nations.

Arab propaganda seeks to conceal the real goal of the Arab overlords. It is not Israel's return to pre-1967 borders or the return of the Palestine refugees. What Egypt and its sister states are bent on achieving is the "eradication of Israel," as the semi-official Cairo daily **Al Ahram** said editorially. President Sadat has more than once echoed this view.



'Do you know how it is to live in constant threat from the surrounding enemy intent upon termination of your very existence?'

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Aliyah is seen only solution to an underpopulated Israel

By JOSHUA BAR-EL

These are the twilight days of the war.

With sudden impact the war compels us to focus on aliyah.

If ever proof was needed that a situation could arise to which Israel's very existence could be threatened, when our enemies could bring us to a point that would force us to great sacrifices of life and resources in order to maintain the hard-fought positions achieved by the Six Day War - such proof is amply provided by the aggression on Yom Kippur. The price of the war is so high that aliyah assumes prime importance for even short-term maintenance of Israel's security.

Until recently we said and we believed that our security was assured and that the chief importance of aliyah was mainly in safeguarding the future survival of the Jewish people by counteracting the loss of Jewish identity in many communities.

Now, I believe we must revise our thinking. It is difficult to free ourselves from the feeling that our inability to maintain sufficient forces on the borders so as to deter and stop any attacks immediately was a direct result of not having enough manpower. It is a simple fact that 2.7 million Jews now living in Israel can't cope with the many tasks facing the state.

Only increased aliyah, on an unprecedented scale, can change this situation in both short and long range terms.

Israel can only fulfil its tasks if it becomes the home for the big part of the Jewish people. Only if we are numerous enough will we continue to be strong.

Israel's physical existence is the guarantee for the existence of all Jews everywhere, and therefore, the only real solution is aliyah. We cannot allow those who cherish Israel's existence to delude themselves ino thinking that "a division of labor" is possible. It is inconceivable that the less than three million Jews who live in Israel can carry the heavy burden alone, while others only participate from afar with contributions and spiritual encouragement, important as these latter are.

If there is a lesson that we must learn from this war, it is that we cannot go back to our regular activities. We must implement our plans for aliyah.

Joshua Bar-El is executive director, Israel Aliyah Center.

Divorce loophole 'serious'

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV -

Israeli divorcees awarded alimony by local courts, but unable to collect it from their ex-husbands, now receive monthly payments from the National Insurance Institute, within the framework of its social security program. The institute, in turn, duns the former husband.

Such payments are important to almost all divorcees, but particularly to those with children to support. Half of the couples divorced in Israel have children and these, as elsewhere, are ordinarily placed in the custody of the mother.

Another new law also safeguards the material interests of divorcees. It concerns the disposal of family property which, until now, has been freely decided upon by the rabbinical courts (which handle all Jewish marriages and divorces).

Since these all-male tribunals often divided family property to the detriment of the wife, Israel's Knesset has now passed a law, against stiff opposition from the ultra-Orthodox Aguda and Poalei Aguda parties, according to which all property amassed by a married couple during the course of their marriage is to be divided equally between them. The only exception allowed under the terms of the law, which is to take effect on Jan. 1, 1974, is when a specific agreement to the contrary exists.

This could be a serious loophole, as a recalcitrant husband may only agree to a divorce in return for an advantageous property settlement. He has ample bargaining power, for the rabbinical courts cannot dissolve a marriage unless the husband is present in court and agrees to the divorce.

The rabbis can decide on a separation and try to persuade the husband to give his wife a divorce, if they think this is justified, by having the man jailed until he signs on the dotted line. But even this extreme measure doesn't always work.

Wives have less bargaining power. Rabbinical courts can overrule their objections and allow the husband to remarry.

Another unusual provision of Israeli law is the status it accords to common-law wives. On the one hand, a man cannot have two wives; bigamy is punishable by a maximum of five years imprisonment. Yet, on the other, a husband may leave his legal wife for another woman who, in turn, obtains a variety of rights, which are laid down in 23 separate statutes.

New Reform head sees task as reaching unaffiliated Jews

By NORMAN TOLLINSKY

TORONTO -

Morley Pape, retired businessman and recently appointed director of the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations, is a very busy man with a refreshing mind and a secret recipe for eternal youth.

Born in Toronto at the dawn of the century into an Orthodox home, he set off on an odyssey of religious re-examination that has led him to a position of leadership in Reform Judaism.

"There are several things I would like to do in my new position," said Pape. "My first challenge is one of being a missionary - to develop Reform Judaism and reach unaffiliated Jews who may be turned off by the dogma of Orthodoxy.

"My second challenge," he continued, "is that of a co-ordinator - to take these 15 congregations and make them into a viable group."

Pape, a past president of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, is seldom content to stay at home and, even then, he is hard at work studying the Old and New Testaments or writing speeches. His duties take him across Canada on speaking engagements to 15 Reform Temples and their 10,000 congregants.

"I decided 45 years ago that I was going to practise my yiddishkeit in a manner that was more compatible with the way I was living," said Pape, who rebelled against the Orthodox tradition in favor of what he termed, "a more enlightened approach.

"The refreshing aspect of Reform Judaism is that you're not bound by dogma. And it's more difficult to be a Reform Jew," he cautioned, "because it forces you to think for yourself."

Although convinced that Reform Judaism will grow as the gap between Orthodox tradition and modern society widens, Pape denies that it is a magic answer to today's youth.

"The fact of the matter is that we're living in a chaotic world. I've heard cases of Jewish youth going over to Hare Krishna, Zen Buddhism, and even Orthodox Jewry. They don't want to think for themselves," he claimed.

"They're seeking that form of religious practice that will just lay it on the line for them."

The recent decision by Conservative Jewry allowing women to take part in the minyan failed to impress Pape whose own brand of Judaism has long recognized the rights of women.

"In Reform Judaism," he noted, "the minyan is not required and we have women who are temple presidents, cantors, and rabbis.

"The Conservative decision is a step in the right direction but we went beyond this step almost 100 years ago.

"For us," he continued, "the Bible is the story of a people who were striving to find their God and we're pretty sure that wasn't written by the divinity.

"Reform Judaism represents a surging desire for new and more relevant ways to express faith and my advice to young men and women who aren't satisfied with the way things are is, go and write your own prayer books."

Morley Pape

Letters to the Editor

Women's obligations called more vital

Dear Editor:

Professor Esther Greenglass, a charming young lady, is a brilliant scholar with a razor-sharp mind. Doubtless an able psychology teacher, how deeply has she studied Torah that she publicly urges women to "create an atmosphere of indignation" (?) Jewish religious practice never depended on a referendum. Maybe the learned professor feels that too few women are active in Jewish life so this is to stimulate their interest? She calls for women to count in a minyan, yet what a poor showing if not even 10 men can be assembled!

As for claiming that Judaism discriminates against women, back in the '30s in the Orthodox Rothschild Synagogue in Paris, I recall that women in the women's section not only stood for Kaddish but recited it.

Surely a scholar like Prof. Greenglass would soon realize, if she studied our history enough, that women are equals and highly esteemed in Judaism but have more important duties than an obligation to attend fixed services and be counted in a minyan.

They are entrusted with the upbringing of Jewish children, our greatest treasures and only guarantees for the future. After all, in His wisdom God decreed that for Jews, a child's religion is that of the mother. History shows us that our survival is due to the devotion and dedication of Jewish women who run households and influence children.

Jewish women have heavy responsibilities and do not need the burden of observances of men regarding a minyan or fixed times for prayer. Else maybe they would cease to be the stronger sex with greater life expectancy and we would miss their innate ability to live longer and guard Israel's children.

Surely it were better that each sex would do what God ordained and such an able organizer and educator as Prof. Greenglass should avoid creating more needless schisms among Jews and devote her God-given talents to encouraging more women to agitate positively for more Torah learning (and observance) among all Jews, male and female.

Women can influence children and men. What a blessing if this gifted woman would discourage divisiveness and use her influence to encourage us all to appreciate the wonderful heritage of Judaism. Then we could echo with the French, "Vive la difference."

Charles Anthony,
Toronto

Sapir security

Dear Editor:

In answer to your article concerning Mr. Sapir's visit to Toronto, I would like to put the record straight concerning security arrangements at that time.

You stated in your article "that security was tight with more than 100 police and other officials involved."

The truth of the matter is that very few police officers were involved. The complete security arrangements were organized by N-3 but no mention of this was made in your article.

I sometimes wonder where your reporters get their information. Let's give credit where credit is due.

Harold Kates, N-3
Toronto

Reviewer praised

Dear Editor:

Rick Kardonne's article in this past issue of **The Canadian Jewish News** was excellent.

He is to be highly commended for taking the news and television media to task for their biased and prejudiced attitude and actions during the war crisis.

Mr. Kardonne's suggestions with regard to the Judaic presentations are most constructive and should be acted upon in a positive manner, particularly with regard to presenting a "Jewish voice" on a major TV station such as CFTO.

Surely our community could sponsor such time, if not individually, then as a group.

Celia Airst
Toronto

Dear Editor:

Ben Nobleman is right in suggesting that more Canadians be hired in the Jewish civil service in his article in your Oct. 19 issue.

I know of a number of Canadians in social work and public relations who were forced to leave Canada in recent years because the the lack of opportunity here while many Americans in these fields have been brought to Canada by various Jewish organizations.

One particular cash of a top-notch public relations man (now gainfully employed in the USA), who was born and educated in Toronto and served overseas in World War II, had to leave Canada over five years ago because he simply could not earn a livelihood here to support his family. At the same time in 1967 the UJA in Toronto hired four different American public relations men in one year.

This is simply disgraceful.

What we need is a committee for an Independent Jewish Canada to wake up the apathetic leadership which has allowed this situation to occur.

S. Green
Toronto

Project Greenlight

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank you for your article regarding the Project Greenlight. However, I must express my disappointment and annoyance with the headline: Dropouts of social group welcomed by volunteers as indication of success.

It was misleading and easily misinterpreted. Only after reading the article several times did the meaning become apparent - that is, that the volunteers are happy when the members become integrated with peers outside the group.

Had the article been read with more care, perhaps a more appropriate and meaningful title might have been devised, such as - Labor of Love. It is out of love that the volunteers give of themselves every Sunday afternoon. They care.

The article was good, but the headline "turned people off."

Debbie Greengarten
Toronto

ask the rabbi

Physical contact ban is extended to shaking hands

1. Why do certain Orthodox Jews refuse to shake hands with women?

With regard to the forbidden sexual unions in Leviticus chapter 18 it is said: "None of you shall approach," on the basis of which the rabbis say that it is forbidden for a man even to "approach" a woman not his wife – "to approach" meaning kissing or embracing. The Orthodox Jews to whom you refer extend this to any physical contact, even to the shaking of hands.

2. What is the origin of the name "God"? What is the meaning of the Hebrew "Jehovah" and what is the significance of the common transliteration – also used in the prayer book – of a double yod?

The English "God" is from the Teutonic, supposedly derived from the Aryan gheu to invoke or to sacrifice, i.e. a being to whom sacrifices are offered. The Tetragrammaton must not be pronounced as it is spelled. Consequently, from an early period, it was pronounced Adonay (Lord) and the vowels of this word are placed under it. If these vowels are read together with the consonants of the Tetragrammaton it produces the quite impossible form "Jehovah". Now the rule is that the names of God must not be erased. Since it may happen that the prayer-books will one day be destroyed, the pious printers avoided the printing of this word in full, using, instead, the double yod (there are two hes in the Tetragrammaton and these each have the numerical value of five, totalling ten = yod).

How to win friendship; discover oil

In a recent column in **The Toronto Star**, Gary Lautens, in his usual humorous fashion, had some telling points to make about the Mideast and the oil crisis.

FORGET ALL THOSE SPEECHES ISRAEL SHOULD BUY DRILLS.

Israel has been trying to win friends for 25 years with reason, logic, diplomacy and an occasional bowl of chicken soup.

And what is the result?

Frankly, not much.

Every time there's a crisis in the Middle East, Israel stands pretty well alone.

Of course you want to know why.

Well, the truth of the matter is, when it comes to international politics, Golda Meir stands at the bottom of the class.

She obviously doesn't know how the world works; otherwise she wouldn't be hiring diplomats and speech writers and paying for a delegation to the UN.

That's just money down the drain.

Look For Oil

If Mrs. Meir is serious about allies, she should buy Israel some drills and start looking for oil.

That's the key to popularity in the world today.

A politician can rant and rave, shout and holler, even spit on the floor -- nobody cares, provided what comes out of the ground is crude, too.

Can you imagine how things would change if Israel struck oil?

The phone would ring in Mrs. Meir's office . . .

"Oh, hello, Mr. Pompidou. Yes, it's true -- about 500,000 barrels a day, at least that's as close as we can figure it now. What's that -- a couple dozen Mirage fighters? Well, that is thoughtful . . .

"Will you excuse me, Mr. Pompidou? I have another call coming in.

No. 1 Grade

"Mr. Heath, what a lovely surprise. You just heard our good news? Yes, on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. It's No. 1 grade, according to the geologists.

"Two submarines and three destroyers? Why, yes, they could come in handy.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Heath, but my other phone is ringing. Could you talk to Mr. Pompidou while I answer it?

"Hello. Who? Mr. Brezhnev? You've caught me off my guard, Mr. Brezhnev . . . what's that? . . . oh, I'd feel foolish . . . very well, if that's what you want -- Leonid.

"How many missile launchers? Fifty! That is generous . . . no, no, no, I insist we pay for them . . . please, Leonid, at least let us pay wholesale . . ."

Yes, it's amazing what a little oil can do for a nation's popularity.

Social worker Marli Sacks counts a pile of beautiful money, all unfortunately phony, used at the recent Hollywood Ball held at the Palais Royale to raise United Way funds.

'Abraham was Judaism's first great public relations man--for God': rabbi

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

. . . Parshas Vayeiro . . . "And the Lord appeared to him (Abraham) in the Plains of Mamre . . ."

In this week's portion, we begin meeting our forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Three times a day, a Jew prays, "Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob . . ." As you know, there are no extra words in our Siddur prayer book . . . So why isn't it sufficient to say, "Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob"? But the answer is that each one of our forefathers served God in his own unique way . . .

In the **Pirkei Avot**, the Ethics of the Fathers, it states, the world stands on three pillars, on Torah, on service to God, and on deeds of kindness. Each one of our forefathers stressed a different one of these three elements. Jacob, was a "Yoshev ohalim," he sat in the tents of Torah learning. Isaac was constantly trembling in the awe of serving God with prayer . . . in fact, he himself almost became a sacrifice to God. But first and foremost was Abraham, his mitzvah was "Gmilus Chasadim" doing kindness.

Abraham was the first great public relations man - for God. What was his method? Very simple. he set his tent at the crossroads, with doors at every side. When a hungry or thirsty stranger walked by, he did not have to go searching for an entrance. He walked in, and Abraham would serve him, wash his feet, give him plenty to eat and drink. When he was done, the stranger would want to thank him. Abraham would answer, "Don't thank me, thank God, whose bounty we all enjoy." This way Abraham and Sarah made many converts to the true God.

And yet, we find an interesting thing. After Abraham died, we never hear from these converts again. What happened to them? The answer is that Abraham was followed by Isaac, who served God with such high standards of "pachad Yitzchok," of constant awe before God and fear of sin, that the converts made by Abraham could not abide this new way and left the Jewish camp. Abraham's greatness was not only that he reached God on high, but he could bend down to his fellow men on earth. (Mayono shel Torah.)

Our rabbis taught us that the signs of a true "seed of Abraham" are modesty, mercy and good deeds. in my profession, I work a great deal with young people. It is so important that as soon as a child has reached understanding, he be taught "rachmaunus". The only way to teach it is by personal example.

They tell of the famous saint, the Chofetz Chaim, that even as a child he was outstanding in his kindness. His friends used to play a cruel joke on a poor water carrier. In the freezing winter, they would sneak into his shed at night and fill his buckets with water. In the morning, the poor soul would have to spend an hour chopping out the ice that had formed. When the little Yisroel Meir (later the Chofetz Chaim) heard about it, he made it his business to follow his friends later into the shed, and pour out the water they had placed in the buckets. May his "zchus" protect us all. Amen.

Women express relationship sans important ritual aids

By NESSA RAPOPORT

Moses stands on the mountain, looking at the land he'll never touch. I stand in shul, my heart yearning to exalt Him in the celebration of His Word, and I'm as far away from the object of my soul as Moses is.

On Simchat Torah, every man in Shul may climb the steps to the Torah, and praise God for His gift to us. I watch some who stumble over the Hebrew words, who haltingly recite a blessing which my tongue longs to sing, while I must remain silent: They have been chosen over me for this privilege because they are men.

No matter what heights of spirituality a "tsadik" may attain, he never stops wearing tsitsit and putting on tefillin, because he no longer needs such a "primitive" aid to reach God. He knows there must be a continuous interaction between the Divine and that which symbolizes our contract with Him, if the contract is to remain vital.

Yet some women are asked to enter into a relationship with God, without any of the concrete aids of ritual which are so important to its expression. There are those of us who serve God by creating a Jewish home, and who can express their link with Him in the rituals of lighting candles, and of preserving the purity of family life.

But for an increasing number of women who have been taught Hebrew as the holy language, daily and Sabbath prayer, as well as the study of Torah, are a necessity We, too, require a means that will enable us to express the interaction of our spiritual and temporal worlds. Without it, our awareness of this connection is made much more difficult to sustain.

Why should women be forced to invent new symbols, with such effective ones already in our tradition? Why should women who study Torah not be permitted to go up into the "bimah" and bless the Lord who gave them the source of eternal life.

Judaism is not a religion of faith alone. We are asked to improve the world in the image of the kingdom of God. We are commanded to act, and all Jews, not only male Jews, are responsible for the translation of their faith into action, through mitzvot. It is not enough to be thrilled by the story of Sinai each time it is told. We must live our lives as though we too stand at the foot of the mountain, and feel in sacred awe His Presence descending upon us. It is not enough to wonder at the mystery of creation. We must remind ourselves each morning that "in His goodness, He renews each day and forever the acts of creation."

My sisters and I have also been created in His image. We have learned the ultimate punishment for a Jew is to be cut off from the House of Israel.

I used to think that God looked at us and laughed at the absurdity of a devotion in which only an arbitrary half of His people were allowed to participate. Now I know He cries.

Welfare Fund's Ben Schneider

Most powerful civil servant is dedicated and tough

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO -

Dedicated and tough -- these are the first two adjectives most people use to describe Ben Schneider, the Toronto Jewish community's most powerful civil servant.

After a short time talking with Schneider, executive vice-president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, it's easy to understand why the New York-born social worker is dedicated to his work.

"I get excited about my job," said Schneider who came to Toronto in 1959 as UJWF social planning director. From 1963 he was executive director and he became executive vice-president last week.

Schneider plans to retire in three years at the age of 65, "but I'm not looking forward to it. I'm enjoying what I'm doing," he told **The Canadian Jewish News** in an interview in his office. His walls are decorated with pictures of himself and other UJWF leaders with Israeli leaders Golda Meir, David Ben Gurion and Levi Eshkol.

Called by many members of his staff "a tough, but fair boss," Schneider sets an example to his employees.

"He's a man who never looks at the clock," said his boss, UJWF President Phil Granovsky. "He's dedicated not only to the UJWF, but to the whole Jewish community."

Other comments about Schneider came from:

-- David Andrews, executive director of the Toronto YMHA: "If you want to get to the heart of the community and know in which direction you go, you pick up the phone and talk to Ben."

-- Dave Marks, UJA campaign director: "His toughness is not on a personal basis, but it's for the good of the community."

-- Maurice Lucow, UJWF public relations director: "He's always looking for ways of making things click; he's never satisfied with the status quo."

Son of a tailor, Ben Schneider displayed his toughness and determination as a youth growing up in New York's East Side.

"In camp as a kid, I wanted to be camp director and I achieved it. I wanted to be a worker at the settlement house where I spent most of my time and I achieved it."

Active in social work since 1934, he received a master of social work degree from Columbia University in 1946. He worked for 10 years with the New York City welfare department -- "an exciting period when government responsibility for people in need became firmly entrenched."

He came to Toronto as director of social planning and quickly moved up to the posts of associate director and then executive director. "I knew this is where I'd finally settle."

Asked to look back over the last decade of the UJWF, he said the most satisfying things were the intangibles. "There has been a sense of community growth -- a Jewish community growing not only in numbers, but growing into doing things it has to do for people."

He said the most personal satisfaction comes "from the people I've associated with." He had high praise for the Fund non-professionals he has worked with for the last 15 years. "The men who have been officers of the Fund have been people of real ability with a real sense of commitment to the community."

The greatest area of growth in the UJWF has been in the number of professional staff and the social planning department, he continued. One of his priorities is to get someone into the social planning division to work in the northeast area of Metro to bring services to Jews there and relate them to the total community

Praising his staff for their efforts during the recent crisis period, he predicted new UJA plateaus will be reached in the number of contributors and the level of giving based on people's increased recognition of the needs of the Jewish community

Reflecting back over the years, he said, slowly: "I've become an elder statesman. I recognize the job has developmental character, not only in terms of program, but people who work here. You have to have top-notch personnel and give them leeway to do their job . . . I've learned it the hard way that to be a good executive is to give your people leeway."

During his rare moments of leisure, Schneider runs at the "Y", and reads both fiction and non-fiction. Both his children are married and live in Toronto. His New York accent softens considerably when he talks about his grandson David whom "I enjoy spoiling."

Ben Schneider

Was Russia on verge of invading?

By J.B. SALSBERG

It is a reflection of the profound, internal political turmoil that prevails in the U.S. at present that so many people questioned the truthfulness of the charges that the Soviet Union was on the verge of invading Israel. In other words, those who doubt the credibility of President Richard Nixon openly questioned the truthfulness of the White House explanation of the events which led to the dramatic confrontation between the USA and the USSR.

Well, I am not a Nixon fan though I welcome and am grateful for the help he has thus far given to the state of Israel. Nor am I unmindful of Washington's colossal transgressions against other peoples and other countries in the last century. But I have long ago learned not to judge political events in the abstract or in isolation of the overall strategies and the recognizable tactical patterns of contending powers - especially those of big powers. Individual events become more identifiable when fitted into the general pattern.

It is from such a point of view that I approach the brief but alarmingly dangerous confrontation between the U.S. and Russia in the climactic hours of the Yom Kippur War. As a result, I found no reason for questioning the overall Washington version. Moscow's frenzied steps to send its armed forces to the Middle East to "crush Israel," when those it backed were faced with defeat, fits tragically into the established pattern of the Kremlin's behavior in recent years.

It is, perhaps, the supreme tragedy of our time that the "first socialist state" was established in an area of the world that had been totally devoid of democratic experiences. The traditional methods of the Czarist regimes for the retention of state power - dictatorship, blind obedience and the use of force to achieve its objectives - were carried forward by the Stalinist-rulers into every sphere of domestic and external life.

Enough is painfully known of Moscow's internal policies to require proof at this stage. But what is the pattern of its external behavior?

The spokesman for China's Communist-government at the Security Council of the UN, though speaking for a government that is strongly anti-Israel, was, nevertheless, not far from the truth when he said last week at a meeting of the council that the Soviet Union supplied arms to the Arabs, "not to give true support, but to control the developments of the Middle East . . . It is this unprincipled, expansionist policy of the Kremlin that explains its pattern of behavior against "socialist" as well as against capitalist countries.

- Yugoslavia's resistance to Moscow's efforts at total domination of a "sister socialist Republic," in the '40s, resulted in Stalin's most ruthless economic onslaught on Tito's country.

- The same fiendish cruelty was practised by Stalin's heirs against Communist China and for the same reasons, 15 years later. Short of military operations, that was the most aggressive economic intervention with the aim of totally wrecking the industrial foundations the new regime began to build - originally with Russian help - after its liberation from feudalism. And only a couple of years ago China was actually attacked by Moscow's military forces that are stationed on China's borders.

- In 1956, the workers of Warsaw were given arms by the then independent-minded newly-formed Polish Communist government to defend the Polish capital against the threatened military attacks of the "friendly" and "comradely" armed forces of the USSR that were stationed in Poland.

- The recent Soviet military invasions of Hungary and Czechoslovakia, at a time when both those countries were in the hands of Communist governments, are too fresh in everyone's mind to require detailing.

On the background of such a pattern of behavior, why should anyone doubt that when the Moscow trained, armed and strategically guided Egyptian army was threatened with disaster that Moscow would, almost as a reflex action, reach for its arms to "crush" Israel? It would, indeed, have been a pleasant surprise if Moscow had departed from its heavy-handed, iron-fisted pattern of behavior. But then the Middle East is a tantalizing dish for Moscow's insatiable appetite for expansion . . .

Yes, I have no doubt that the threat of a Soviet military invasion of Israel was unfortunately, very real.

No longer 'English gentlemen'

Concern of young Jewry for their destiny shown by more Judaic activity on campus

remembering when

By DORIS NEWMAN

(First of Two Parts)

It is no longer a novelty to see on the campuses of Toronto young Jews in skullcaps which they do not remove even in the lecture halls. We suspect a closer examination would even reveal "tzizis" (fringes). No one gives it a second glance.

Is this a result of the rebellion of the young against the establishment, or is it a pride in one's own culture, or is it a demonstrative determination to show that we must be accepted on our own terms, something that the Jewish student learned from the Black community? Perhaps the truth is a combination of all these factors.

We oldtimers are not ready to admit our children are more concerned with their Jewishness and Jewish destiny than the college students of our own day. Many a reader of this column can reminisce about his days at university. The style of life and behavior and even the buildings were modelled after the great English universities of Oxford and Cambridge. It was implicitly understood at the University of Toronto that you behaved like "an English gentleman." Thus your speech was modulated, hand gestures tempered, dress moderated, "yarmulkas" left in pocket. When one walked down Yonge Street accompanied by a non-Jew and chanced to meet a rabbi in Chassidic garb, we blushingly explained to our friend that this outlandish dress was an exception to the rule (a throwback to historic accident) - notwithstanding that at the same university a Scottish professor of Sanskrit has for many years habitually worn, unabashedly full kilt to lectures.

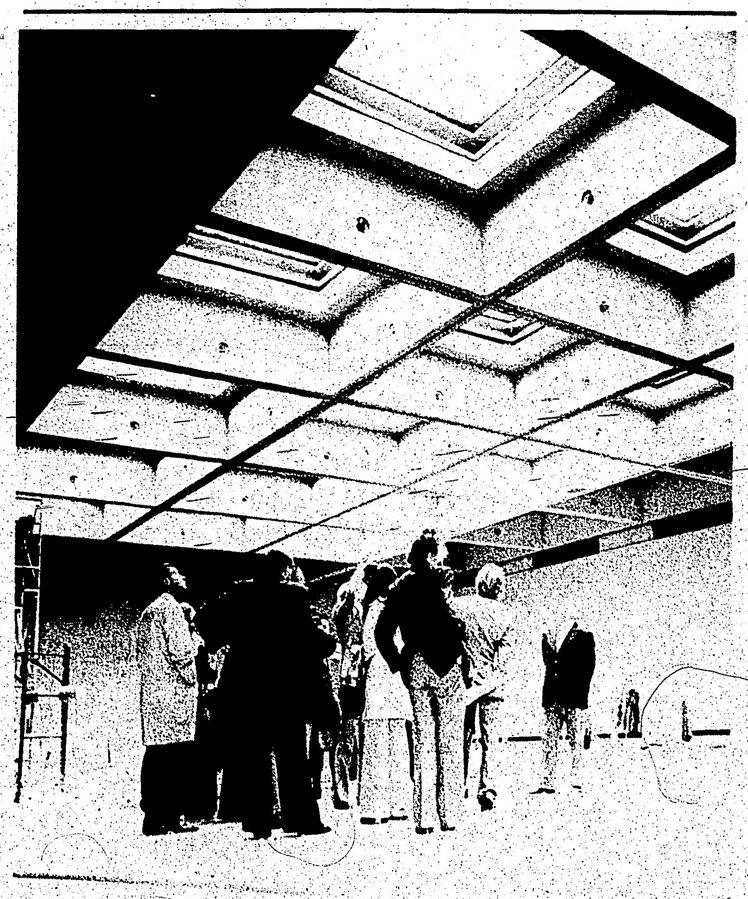
Today, some of the Jewish students take time off between lectures to study Talmud on campus. What a far cry from the days when the Jewish fraternities bore Greek letter names only, such as the well-known Kappa Chapter of Pi Lambda Phi (established at the University of Toronto in 1922) and several others.

There were, however, several Jewish clubs. Beginning in 1908 there was The Judaeans of which Dr. M.A. Pollock is one surviving member whom we know. Beginning in 1916, the Menorah Club was established. Its first president was Joseph Sweet, later Judge Sweet of Hamilton. This club became affiliated with the well-known Menorah clubs of the American campuses (established at Harvard University in 1906) publishers of the **Menorah Journal**.

In this journal first appeared some of the poems of our renowned poet, Abraham M. Klein.

About this time there was also the Avukah Society, Zionist oriented, which also met on campus. Jewish students of the '30s had their own drama group with a successful production of **The Dybbuk** where Sylva Gelber (now prominent in the federal Civil Service) took the leading role.

In 1946, the late Edward Gelber encouraged B'nai B'rith to establish a Hillel Foundation on campus. Its first director, who served it with distinction for 25 years and who brought much honor to the Student Group in university circles, was Dr. Aaron Kamerling.



Members of the press tour the Henry Moore Gallery in the new Art Gallery of Ontario building due to open in 1974. Part of the gallery's expansion program, the Henry Moore Centre sparked the project when the world-famous sculptor donated works valued at $15 million from his private collection to the people of Ontario. (Art Gallery of Ontario)

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

ORTHODOX YOUTH CONFERENCE

More than 200 teenagers from Ontario and Quebec will be getting together for the three-day Shabbaton being put on by the Central and Eastern Canada Regions of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth in Kingston, Nov. 16 - 18. The convention will focus on the move toward Jewish awareness and pride. Applications and information can be obtained from the NCSY office at 63NCSY6.

SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS

The Board of Jewish Education in Toronto is scheduling two more seminars for teachers in Jewish schools. Dance in the classroom (two sessions) will be demonstrated by Teme Kernerman, Toronto 'Y' dance teacher, and organizer of the Nirkoda Israeli Dance Group, on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17 and 18, at 8:30 p.m. Adath Israel Congregation, Southbourne Avenue, Downsview, is the locale.

Puppetry in the classroom will be demonstrated by Michael Rumack, teacher and professional puppeteer, who has appeared on the CBC. It will be on Sunday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m. at the Associated Hebrew Schools, Bathurst Street.

REFORM CONGREGATIONS MEET

The centennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations takes place in New York this week. The thrust of the conference, involving more than 3,000 delegates from 701 Reform congregations, will centre around the synagogue as a centre of Jewish family life, mobilization for aid to Israel, and new guiding principles and practices for Reform Judaism. Holy Blossom Temple's Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut is to be keynote speaker at the symposium on new guiding principles and temple vice-president Henrietta Chesnie will chair the session on new models for future synagogue planning.

MAKE IT FAMILY DAY

The Toronto Pioneer Women's annual bazaar on Sunday, Nov. 18, is to be a family fun fair with something for everyone - boutiques, magic shows for the youngsters, fashions and even a money lady attired in dollar bills. The bills go to the one who guesses the correct amount of money. The bazaar is being held from noon to midnight at St. Lawrence Market, Front and Jarvis Streets.

ISRAEL REPORT

Rabbi David Monson, just returned from Israel, will be on hand at the Maramosher Society of Toronto's UJA meeting to give a first-person account of happenings there. The meeting takes place Sunday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue, Eglinton Avenue West.

TORONTO'S JEWISH HUNGARIANS

At a recent meeting of the New Horizons Day Centre, George Egri, Toronto editor of the Hungarian-North American **Jewish Weekly**, and Dr. Zoltan Zagon gave a lecture (in Hungarian) on current Israeli events for members of the group who do not yet understand Englisn. The centre, which was organized under the auspices of the Toronto Jewish Association of Hungarian Descent, is eager to participate in the Canadian Jewish scene and would welcome anyone from the Jewish community who would lead English discussions, teach the English language or lead Hebrew and Jewish songs.

THE OIL CRISIS

Implications of Arab Oil Policy for Canada is the topic to be discussed by Ron Atkey, Progressive Conversative MP for St. Paul's, at the opening meeting of the Beth Tzedec Men's Club, Monday, Nov. 12 at 6 p.m.

FOR ART LOVERS

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood's sixth annual art exhibit and sale is set for Sunday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the synagogue, Bayview Avenue. The two-day sale closes with an auction 8 - 12 p.m. Monday, featuring works by international artists brought in by Artinvest from New York.

FESTIVAL OF CRAFTS

More than 50 craftsmen and artists will be demonstrating and displaying their work for sale at the Festival of Crafts held by the National Council of Jewish Women - Havorah Branch. The sale runs Saturday, Nov. 17 from 8 - 11:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 18, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Council House, Bathurst Street.

THE GRADUATES

The B'nai B'rith Grad Committee at Hillel, started two years ago, is in full swing. They stage intellectual and fun programs for graduates in their 20s and 30s and new members are welcome. There is also a social welfare committee, presently doing volunteer work with Jewish patients at the Acme Nursing Home. More volunteers are needed, especially a guitarist who can sing Hebrew songs. Just call Hillel if you are interested.

LZA LECTURE SERIES

Labor Zionist Alliance lecture series presents a lecture on **Rashi: His place in modern Jewish education**, by Toronto lawyer David Newman, on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 8:30 p.m. at the LZA Centre, Viewmount Avenue.

FASHIONS FOR ALL

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, Leora Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women presents **Anything Goes '73**, a fashion show for the fashion-minded family, at Atwoods Traditional Interiors, Yonge Street, Thornhill. Tea time - 8 p.m., show time - 9 p.m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

Young Women's Leadership second orientation meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13, will discuss **All in the Family**, an insight into the Jewish Family and Child Service and a look at the emerging family, with guest speaker JF&CS Executive Director Jerome Diamond.

CHANGE OF DATE

Ralph D'Addio's men's hairstyling salon will be open (proceeds for Israel) this Monday, Nov. 12.

Ian Herman (right), a 26-year-old jeweller, explains his merchandise to Stephen Dufresne, co-ordinator of Montreal Business Aid, a non-profit service headed by a professor.

Prosperity of small firms may hinge on consultants

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

For the many young Jewish business persons who have made the calculated decision to set up their own firm, Montreal Business Aid may mean the difference between breaking-even and prosperity. For Ian Herman, 26, a determined young jeweller, the business management service made a difference.

"I contacted business aid for advice . . . to see what kind of tip I could be offered," said the owner of Herman Jewellers Inc.

Herman crafts his items personally and will make jewelry according to his customers description. Although an artist in his field, he was suffering from the lack of business expertise that plagues many small businesses.

Montreal Business Aid is a non-profit service headed by Dr. Henry Tutsch, a professor of commerce at Sir George Williams University and formerly assistant chairman of the faculty of management. He explained the aims of the association are two-fold.

"First, it is to aid the community by helping small businesses, since some 15% of all Canadians are employed at that level.

"Secondly, to help students by giving them practical exposure directly in their field."

Established as an experiment in 1971, the consulting agency has assisted over 100 businesses who operate with less than 25 employees, or with sales of less than $500,000 a year. The agency has also employed over 75 students who are able to supplement their tuition through the small fees paid them.

Student appraisals and suggestions are written under the close supervision of management personnel from the universities and from industry.

"This year the company's goal is to help about 300 firms," explained Stephen Dufresne, the association's tireless co-ordinator and himself an MBA student. For the first time, all five Montreal universities and about 250 students will be working.

"Generally, two students and a supervisor are in charge of a project. Only final year commerce and master of business administration students are selected," he added.

Israel tourist director Gil-Ad refused handshake by Arab

By MARCIA KRETZMER

TORONTO -

A dramatic confrontation between a Jew and an Arab occurred last week at York University during a marathon five-hour rally and teach-in on the war in the Middle East.

The drama came when Amnon Gil-Ad, director for Canada of the Israel Government Tourist Office, made a plea to an audience of some 200 students and faculty members for an end to the tragic and wasteful bloodletting in the Middle East.

Answering a question put to him by an Arab student, Gil-Ad said, "we fight because we have paid dearly for this land in lives and suffering and we shall not be forced to relinquish it. We fight also because we are left no choice - 'Ain Brera' - as we say in Hebrew: it is a question of our survival."

In contrast, he asked "Why did the Arab people wage this war?"

"What can they possibly hope to gain from fighting us?" There is, he contended, no basic disagreement between Arabs and Jews and no real reason why the two sides should not be able to live with each other in amity in the area.

Gil-Ad then offered his hand to his questioner from the floor. No response was forthcoming.

"You have just seen," Gil-Ad commented to the audience, "a short history of politics in the Middle East."

Philip Givens, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation dwelt on the vast disparity between the Arab states, their oil rich backers and the Soviet Union and the tiny isolated state of Israel, whose sole ally, America, seemed bent on imposing an unsatisfactory settlement on her in the higher interests of detente.

Givens also lashed out at the news media, "who," he said, "run around filming us raising funds and selling pins, forgetting that the Arab sheikdoms, by pushing up the price of a barrel of oil, can raise a zillion dollars."

The rally included an address by Donald McDonald MPP, the former leader of the provincial NDP, who expressed his deep concern for what happens to a society and a people who for generations face war and the threat of destruction.

Mendy Maierovitz of the Jewish Students' Federation, read a statement from the leaders of the Christian communities in Israel who said any discussion of the rights of the Palestinians in the area must be preceded by a firm and universal affirmation of Israel's right to sovereign and secure existence.

Amnon Gil-Ad

The teach-in also featured Max Goody, former president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, Central Region; Professor Norman May of Osgoode Hall Law School and Meyer Bick, executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee.

...about people

Zvi Kolitz

Israeli pioneer film producer **Zvi Kolitz** comes to Toronto Saturday, Nov. 17, as guest speaker at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Israel Bond dinner. A noted author and journalist, he became internationally known as writer and producer of Israel's first full-length movie, **Hill 24 Doesn't Answer**, and as co-producer of the Broadway production of **The Deputy**. The dinner honors **Solomon Sporn** for his work on behalf of the congregation's bond effort.

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Chalk one up for Canada! **Herbert Levy**, who hails originally from New York, was sworn in as a Canadian citizen a couple of weeks ago after five years in Toronto as executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith Canadian district #22.

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Baycrest Centre has a new public relations director -- **Vivienne Muhling** who was publicity director for the Ontario Art Gallery.

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Everyone is trying to do what they can for Israel. For instance . . . **Joe Gutmacher** phoned to say that his 72 year-old mother **Mania Gutmacher**, who, incidentally, is a member of the Workmen's Circle executive, did what she knows best -- cook! She called her friends to lunch at her house and collected over $220 from the 20 women who came and the donations from those who couldn't make it . . . Fifteen-year-old **Howard Linden** decided to sell pickles. He bought three barrels of them from his summer employer, Chicago 58, transported them on the bus to his home in Willowdale, and sold them, one-by-one, at his neighborhood plaza. (The plastic bags were donated by his mother, **Ethel Linden**.) The enterprising young man raised over $125 . . . Royal Alexandra's musical director, **Bill Berle**, and his five-piece band donated their services to the Israel Solidarity Dance given by the Professional Club of the Labor Zionist Alliance last Sunday . . . hundreds of U.S. writers, artists and entertainers signed their names to a full-page ad in **The New York Times** saluting the courage of the people of Israel. The ad was headlined **Let There Be Peace** . . . and then there's the New York restaurant **Rosoff's** that guaranteed 25% of last Sunday's dinner checks to the UJA, with the donations being made in the customers' names.

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When the Yom Kippur war broke out, the 200 students attending the American College in Jerusalem, most of them Americans, were given the opportunity to return home. They all chose to remain, including Torontonian **Bryan Gold**. Regular classes resumed in a couple of days but all the students are giving their after-school time to hospitals, civil defence or wherever they are needed.

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The rescheduling of lectures for Beth Tzedec's weekend guest **Rabbi Marvin Fox**, has been noted. He will be lecturing Sunday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m. rather than Saturday evening, as previously listed. The topic is **The World of Jewish Philosophy**.

BY HAROLD WEINSTEIN MEMBER AMERICAN GEM SOCIETY

WOMEN AND JEWELLERY

In these affluent times, women are once again playing their historical role as purveyors of the art of receiving gifts of fine jewellery. The Gabors, Elizabeth Taylor, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and many other world-renown beauties periodically appear in print in stories about their fabulous gems.

Of the famous women in history with an immoderate love of fine jewellery, three stand out: Cleopatra, Empress Eugenie and Queen Elizabeth I. Cleopatra developed her own emerald mines to assure an adequate supply of her favorite gem. Bonaparte's Empress Eugenie is quite infamous for her jewel collecting efforts. Queen Elizabeth I is better known for her politics and fine mind, but she too loved gemstones. She favored court dresses literally covered with gems and pearls. Every finger of her hand often bore a fabulous ring.

As Queen Elizabeth grew older, her beauty naturally faded. It was said that she decked herself in gemstones to continue to bedazzle her admirers, or at least to distract them from her aging countenance.

When Elizabeth was pleased with one of her courtiers, she would remove one of her numerous rings and make a gift of it. Cleopatra had a similar habit in her court; but her rings were emeralds carved with her image. Many other monarchs gave jewellery as gifts. King Henry VI marked the New Year of 1445 by bestowing jewelled rings on his nobles.

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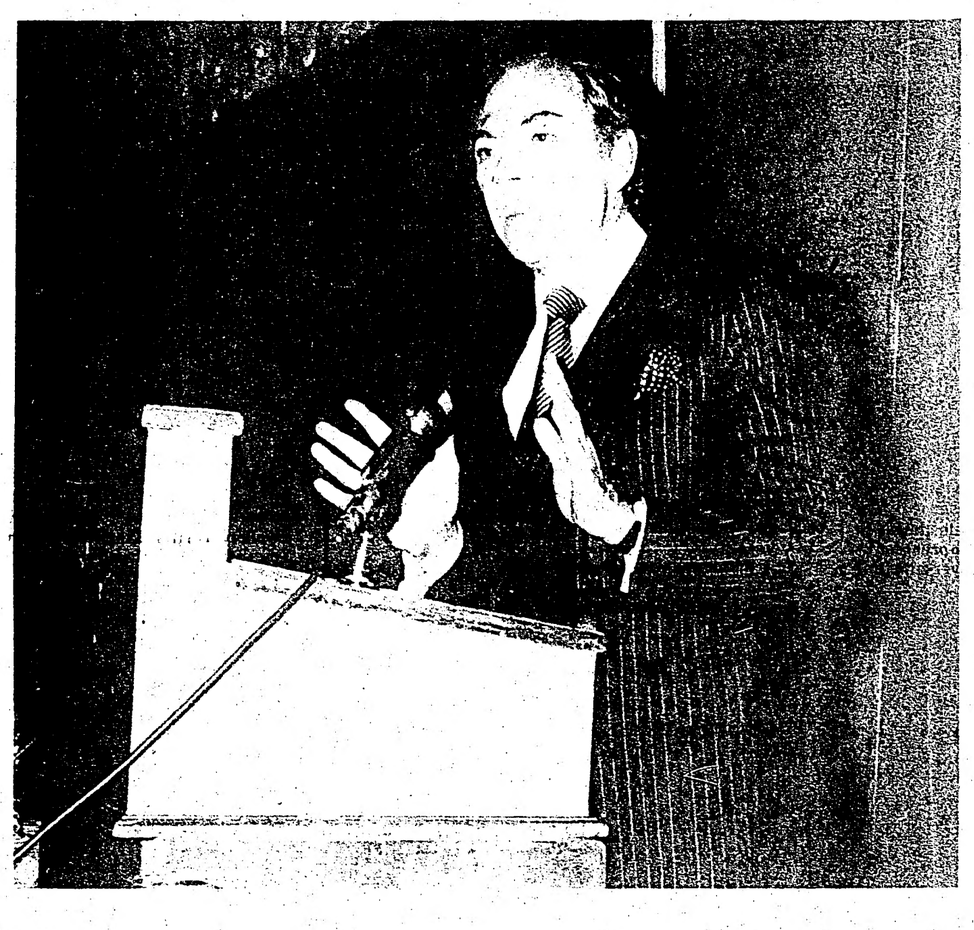

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War loss of husbands and fathers 'heartbreaking'

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –
The loss of men Israel has sustained during the October war is painful for world Jewry, says Combined Jewish Appeal Chairman Simon Cobrin, but the number of widows and orphans to be left without husbands and fathers is "heartbreaking".

In response to those families who suffer the permanent effects of war, the Appeal chairman announced a community-wide fund raising rally in support of these victims.

Cobrin told **The Canadian Jewish News** that the rally is phase three in a process that found the community running three campaigns at one time.

Montreal is the only city of 16 in North America which holds its campaign in the fall instead of in the spring, and as a result, the campaign was in high gear when the news of the renewed conflict spread throughout the city.

Following Yom Kippur, the community entered the second phase, as speculation suggested that the war, as in 1967, would be short-lived.

"After Sapir came to Montreal, we realized the campaign was not at an end," Cobrin explained. "We have called the community to rally again in the third phase of our commitment to Israel. People have been canvassed three or four times."

Cobrin reported that the fund raising drive in Montreal has netted over twice the amount collected in 1972. The 1973 campaign was been the longest running of its kind in the history of Canada, he said, and has raised sums greater than any single campaign in Montreal's history.

But fund raising must continue, he stressed, because Israel is facing new economic hardships "what with an expenditure of over $3 billion for the war effort. "They are going to need a great many dollars from the Diaspora for their post-war humanitarian needs."

Simon Cobrin

He reminded the community that even during the war some 4,500 immigrants arrived in Israel, with over two-thirds coming from the Soviet Union. "It's a sad comment that while Russia is allowing the Jews to leave, they are at the same time giving arms to annihilate them."

Cobrin attributed the "magnificent" Canadian response to Israel's plight to the fact that once again Jews are facing the possibility of "being homeless, that the state would be taken away again."

He praised the women's role in the emergency campaign, saying their daytime activities have been exceptional. Some 400 women arrive each day at campaign headquarters to "man" the phones and act as volunteer drivers.

Cobrin cited one example of the community' response to the crisis in Israel. "I met a campaign worker in the hall of Cummings House whose wife I knew was about to have a baby. I asked how she was and he said she had a little girl only 30 minutes earlier.

"You came right here to work from the hospital?" I asked.

"Sure my wife made me," he said.

Schools disallow political fund collection

By BRIAN STONEMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –
Policy of Metro's six school boards does not permit in-school collection of funds for political causes, according to indications from a **Canadian Jewish News** survey.

Efforts by York Mills Collegiate Institute students, during the Yom Kippur War, to solicit funds for Israel were vetoed by the North York School Board, which cited as reasons possible parental disapproval and unfair pressure it would impose on students.

"We do not approve of that kind of thing (operation of a collection booth)," said William A. Dempsey, superintendent of NY board services. "There are many requests, which if approved, would bring unfair pressure on students."

Gerald Killham, York Mills principal, agreed. "Although there is a great deal of sympathy for the terrible things that are happening in the Middle East, policy does not permit such collections because it is hard to support one side and not the other."

York Mills student council, he said, also voted it was "inappropriate to set the booth up." Although he said students are allowed to raise money for the United Way or other non-political causes, Dempsey also said, "there are so many interests, the school would become a collection agency and I think there would be opposition to that."

One York Mills student, David Applefield, 17, who was indirectly involved with the attempted collection, told **The CJN**: "I think it is a worthwhile thing . . . it's not really a political thing but a human thing."

Applefield cited collection of money at the school for other causes which aid the suffering. "This is a cause where many men are dying," he said, "but this they consider political."

Frank Fisher, the student who attempted organizing the collection, was unavailable for comment. It is believed, however, that a petition he is circulating amongst students and parents urging a reversal of board policy, is receiving favorable response.

School officials, when questioned by **The CJN**, were noncommittal about whether such a petition could have any positive effect and other Metro boards reported positions similar to North York's.

East York School Board would remain "nonpartisan", suggested Ken Hall, superintendent of operations, because "flack from parents would be considerable." Its decision, however, would have to come from its board, he said.

Paul Buddenhagen, associate director of education for Etobicoke's school board, while declining to predict board policy, said such a decision would have to be made by it, and then still would "be at the discretion of the school involved."

Fund raising in Scarborough schools is left to the discretion of the principals involved, said Alson Taylor, director of education. The board does ban commercial firms from participating in such "charitable funds."

Collection of money for Israel, Taylor said, isn't for "a charity" and in any event, "is outside any cause or content the board had in passing these measures."

A recent policy reversal, according to Duncan Green, Toronto School Board's director of education, has put the onus on its school principals "to determine what goes on in their schools." Frankly admitting confusion as to his board's exact stand, Green said their "vague" regulations would probably require schools to "proceed on their own logistics."

Like all other board officials, York's assistant superintendent of program, Doug Barbour, declined to take a firm stand. "Each case is considered on its own merits and must go to the board," he said.

As for Metro School Board, the overall body and self-professed "cash register organization," it intends to remain neutral. Mrs. Joan Anderson, executive assistant to the director of education, told **The CJN**, the six boards "will tend to be similar" but the Metro board has "no aim or common desire" to be involved.

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'Israel is great human experiment of 20th century': labor leader

By ELAINE KAHN

TORONTO –

"Israel is the greatest human experiment of the 20th century," Dennis McDermott, Canadian director of the United Automobile Workers told over 800 guests at a testimonial dinner in his honor last week at the Four Seasons-Sheraton Hotel.

"I believe it represents a social experiment unparalleled in our time," said the labor leader, who visited Israel last year with his wife and "couldn't wait to get to the kibbutz."

The proceeds of the $50-a-plate dinner, sponsored by the Ontario Trade Union Council for Histadrut, went to the Dennis McDermott Vocational School in Hadera, Israel, which will teach vocational skills to both Israelis and Arabs.

"I consider myself very privileged to be named by Histadrut and the state of Israel," McDermott said. "Out of that chaos, they have produced a great sense of order and a nation to be proud of . . . with people as their top priority in the social order."

McDermott, the third trade union leader to be honored by Histadrut in recent years, expressed great admiration for the young Sabras of Israel, who have "no room for spoiled selfish self-interest.

"When they take you to the top of the Masada and tell you solemnly that 'Masada will not fall again,' one senses immediately the enormous will and commitment of the Israelis to survive."

McDermott seemed most impressed by the Israeli army and the officers' motto of "after me, after me -- me first. . . Officers have to be out there in front - that's the kind of leadership I admire and appreciate.

"You have to see the Israeli army to believe it -- it literally is a proletarian people's army. Women's liberation should see the women in the Israeli army. It does not destroy their feminimity in any sense of the word.

"Peace must come in the Middle East because there can't be peace for anyone of us in this world until it does come."

UAW president Leonard Woodcock, guest speaker at the dinner, expressed his support for Israel but said, "it may be that the Arab countries have had their sense of honor to some degree restored and that Israel, from her established strength, can afford to be humane."

Max Federman, president of the Canadian Trade Union Council for Histadrut, told the guests that, "Israel has been struggling for 25 years to take her place as a free independent nation in the world. We have a duty to ensure that the only democracy in the Middle East does not fail from any lack of support on our part."

Stephen Lewis, Ontario New Democratic Party leader, and Shmuel Ovnat, Consul-General of Israel in Toronto, were among the guests who paid tribute to McDermott.

United Jewish voice urged

TORONTO –

The events of the past few weeks prove conclusively the need for one major organization and one voice for the community, Phil Granovsky, president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, declared last week.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Welfare Fund, Granovsky said that under the stress of the war, "our major organizations grouped together, organized together and carried forward a co-ordinated effort within the community for the benefit of the total Jewish people.

"This points out again the urgent need for more effective co-ordination and integration in the comminity which can only be achieved through the merger of some of our major organizations . . . It indicated again the need for us to set aside our petty differences and our parochial interests that become so paramount in a period of peace and quiet but which can be put aside so readily during a period of stress."

Granovsky made these comments when he reported that no progress has been made yet either in a merger with Congress or in implementing Bylaw 100 which calls for a wider representation from the community on the Welfare Fund board.

Granovsky said: "I talked at some length at the time of my acceptance of the presidency of the importance of implmenting Bylaw 100 or the merger of the Welfare Fund and Congress. Neither has taken place but I assure you I will continue to work towards this goal."

Physicist shares award

LONDON (JCNS) –

Always brilliant at school in mathematics, Dr. Brian Josephson of the Cavendish Laboratories, Cambridge University, shares the 1973 Nobel Prize award for physics worth $120,000. The other half was divided between Norwegian-born Dr. Ivar Giaever and a Japanese Dr. Leo Esaki.

At 33, Dr. Josephson is one of the youngest men ever to receive a Nobel Prize. The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Josephson of Cardiff, where he attended Cardiff High School for Boys, Dr. Josephson, has discovered a process which some scientists believe will be as important as the basic research which led to the transistor.

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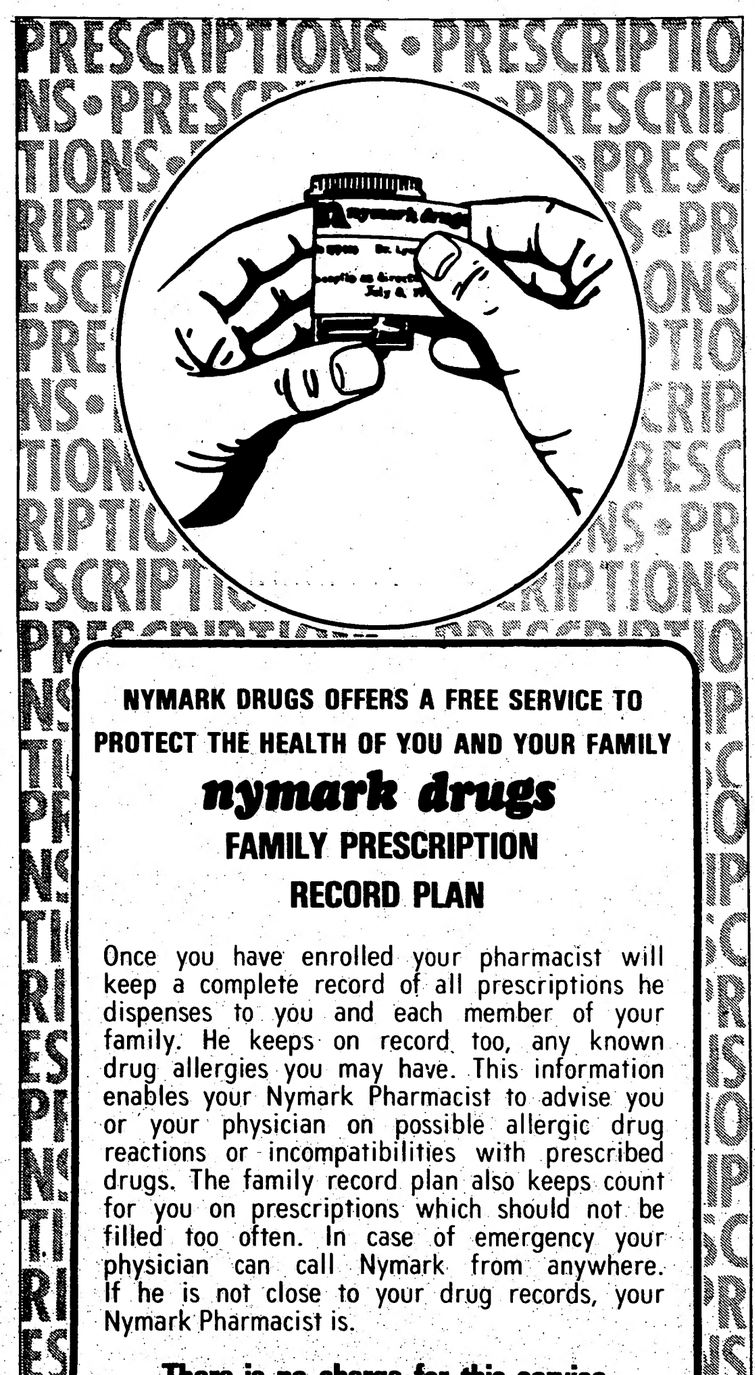

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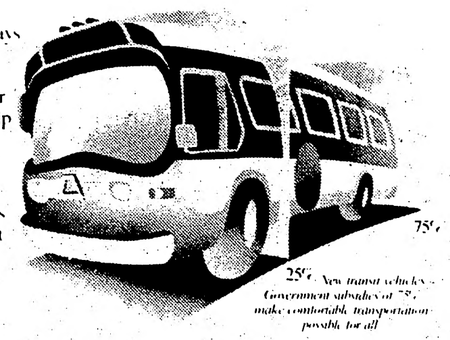
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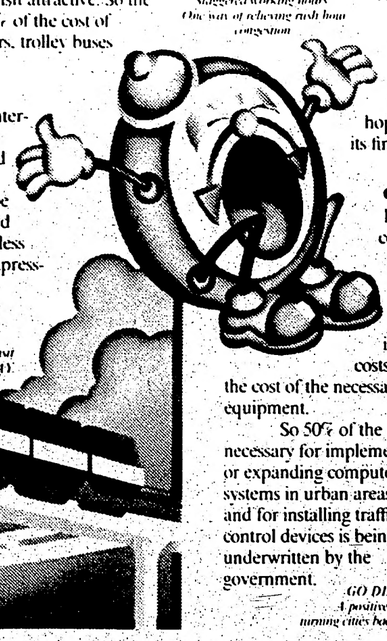
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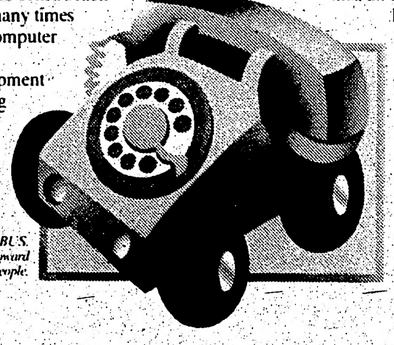
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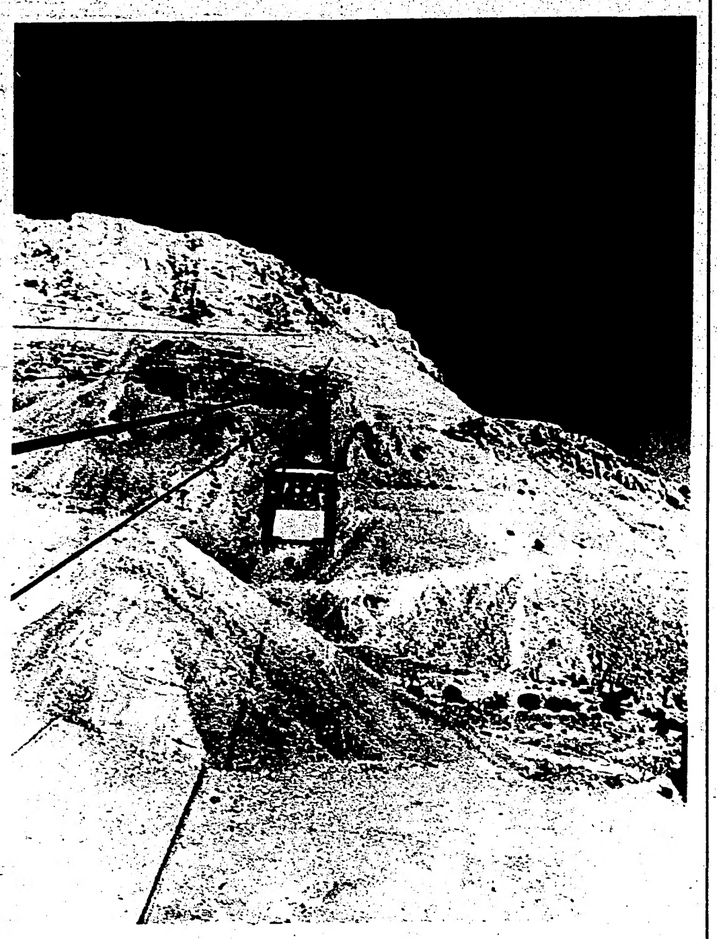

Masada, the fort heroically defended by the Zealots 1900 years ago, is symbol of heroism in modern Israel. Canadian Zionist Federation president Phil Givens will lead a delegation of Canadian Jews on a "Masada pilgrimage" on Dec. 9. They will visit the fort and other sites in Israel, and will meet Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren.

Sand dunes of 60 years ago are Tel Aviv's sprawling site

TEL AVIV –

Rambunctious and sprawling Tel Aviv is the cultural and economic heart of the state of Israel. A full 50% of the population of Israel lives in the greater Tel Aviv area and its position in the centre of the spreading bedroom suburbs give this city a vitality and personality distinct from all other Israeli cities.

Tel Aviv was born some 60 years ago when friction with the Arab population of Jaffa and the crowded and unsanitary conditions of the older city prompted the Jewish inhabitants to build a new city on the sand dunes to the north.

There on a clear summer day, they held a drawing for building lots and what is today some of the nation's prime real estate changed hands among the clot of black clothed people gathered on the sands.

In time, the small community grew and camel caravans carrying bricks and cement crossed from Jaffa as the pace of construction accelerated.

During World War I the xenophobic Turks, fresh from their executions of the Armenians decided to relocate the Jewish population of Tel Aviv. All but a few were forced to flee overseas or retreat inland to the more secure settlements in Galilee and Jerusalem.

The arrival of the British victors over the Turks in World War I, changed the atmosphere, and the development of Tel Aviv continued at a rapid pace under the more kindly sponsorship of the mandatory authorities.

Still, the British had their own objectives in the Middle East. It soon became apparent that the late blooming Arab nationalism might convince the British that the development of the Jewish community in the Holy Land was not in the British empirical interest.

It was too late, however, for the British to truly stop the development of Tel Aviv. The village, now a true city, had reached its own take-off point. Jaffa, while still an important port had fallen behind Haifa in importance and in fact, the people of Tel Aviv had built their own small port at the mouth of the Yarkon River in northern Tel Aviv.

Today Tel Aviv has everything one would expect of a modern city and it is blessed and cursed with the advantages and disadvantages. Tel Aviv has the most dynamic night life in Israel. It has a legitimate theatre that has an average of 14 performances of different shows in a given week.

Discotheques, restaurants and boutiques abound as Tel Aviv keeps pace with every other modern city. There is a busy publishing industry that meets the needs of one of the best read people in the world. Economically it is the location of the young and active stock market and serves as the financial centre of the country. Traffic jams though, are common, and the housing shortage and air pollution are recognized as problems.

Although Tel Aviv is so young, its face is constantly changing. The Mediterranean shoreline from the Yarkon port in the north to Jaffa port in the south is now witnessing a dynamic face-lifting program. Here great trucks transporting giant boulders are at work lengthening the shoreline by filling in "T" shaped piers.

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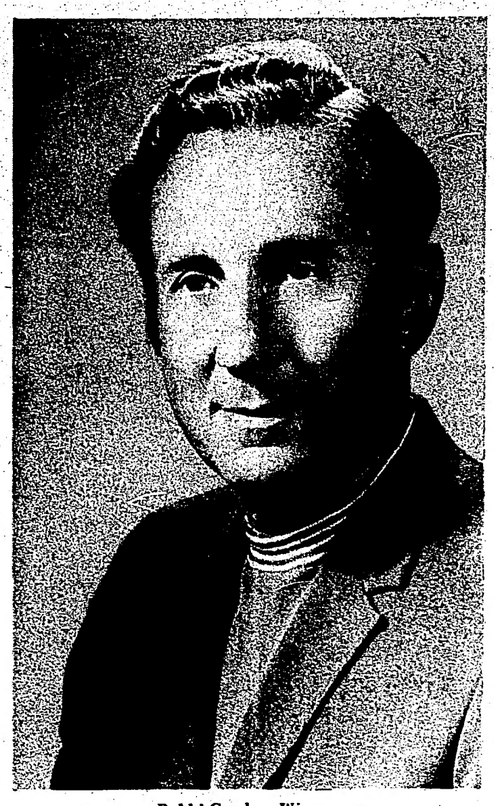

Rabbi Gershon Winer

Rabbi defies Rabbinical Assembly

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO -

The visiting rabbi at Beth Tzedec Congregation, Gershon Winer, who makes a twice yearly pilgrimage from Israel to lecture in North America, is defying the ruling of the Conservative rabbinate, which placed Beth Tzedec out of bounds because of the current dispute.

Winer says both he and Theodore Friedman, former president of the Rabbinical Assembly who will shortly follow him as Beth Tzedec's visiting rabbi, feel that "the ruling of the R.A. is based on organizational regulations and not on Jewish laws and ethics."

Winer goes on to explain that "as a rabbi I abide by principles and dictates of Jewish law and therefore am impelled to serve this congregation which has committed itself to follow Jewish law and practice in the settlement of its current dispute."

After his two-month stay at Beth Tzedec, Winer will be returning to Israel to reassume his duties which include being the head of a government - sponsored agency called Shil, which attempts to lessen the run-around Israeli citizens meet when dealing with their government.

Winer accepted the position of head of Shil (an abbreviation of three Hebrew terms meaning Citizens' Advisory Service) after he witnessed a 16-year-old girl and her mother, his former congregants, leave Israel in disgust because no one was able or willing to provide them with information for the girl to pursue studies in Israel.

Winer notes Golda Meir's recent public criticism of the ministry of absorption and its red tape and bureaucratic procedures. He also pointed out that in Israel the most petty official is accessible to the public for only a few hours and often not even on a daily basis. "Responsibility is so fragmented that the citizen is constantly in line waiting to see the next official," he states.

Because of this situation, the agency, which has eight offices throughout Israel and hopes to expand to 50, attempts to "aid the individual citizen to cope with government bureaucracy" by three means.

First, they direct the citizen to the office and official who will serve him properly, after first contacting the official and arranging an appointment. Winer notes, "this alone can save him days."

Second, they assist in preparing applications and forms to the government agencies. Quips Winer, "paperwork in Israel is bountiful and not always beneficent."

Third, where repeated problems occur with a particular office, they seek ways and means behind the scenes to implement better public relations.

Fund to ascertain needs

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Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly. Granovsky noted in this regard that the Welfare Fund has been recognized as an Elderly Persons Centre by the provincial government and is eligible for funding from the province, the boroughs of North York and York and the City of Toronto.

Others elected at the annual meeting include: chairman, board of directors, Herbert H. Solway; immediate past president, Harry L. Wolfson; vice - presidents, Phil Givens MPP, Morrie Latchman, J. Sydney Midanik, Allan E. Offman, Jack M. Rose; treasurer, David Rotenberg; assistant treasurer, Murray Segal; executive vice-president, Benjamin Schneider; chairman of service council, Murray B. Koffler; secretary, mrs. Arnold A. Epstein; honorary counsel, Sydney M. Harris.

Keen fight seen for Beth Tzedec seats

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Gellman told The CJN, lawyers for both sides in the Rosenberg suit are "actively discussing finalizing the best machinery to bring about an arbitration tribunal."

New Era/74's platform theme is "Let's Continue," and it emphasizes what was accomplished in the last year, both in terms of program and participation.

Regarding Rabbi Rosenberg, New Era/74 in its campaign brochure, says it fired him only after the board's policy "was repeatedly challenged and only after all other avenues, both here and in New York were exhausted.

"Every effort was made in good faith by Beth Tzedec from the beginning in its contact with the Rabbinical Assembly. The unjust boycott of our synagogue by the R.A. is being pursued with the lay leadership of the local and national branches of the United Synagogues of America and we are pressing for a number of important reforms in synagogue - rabbi relationships. These will be of benefit not only to Beth Tzedec, but to all Conservative synagogues.

"There are many rabbinical leaders who will come to Beth Tzedec to fulfil the roles of teaching and preaching in our congregation."

As an example, Synagogue President Dr. Fred Weinberg pointed out, Rabbi Marvin Fox, a prominent Orthodox rabbi, is coming to the congregation this weekend as part of the Great Weekend series. Dr. Weinberg said Rabbi Fox has written to Rabbi Rosenberg and Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive director of the Rabbinical Assembly, saying that "in his opinion, Beth Tzedec has agreed to binding arbitration which fulfills all halachic requirements" . . . and he sees no reason not to come.

According to Rabbi Kelman, in a letter dated Nov. 2 to a Toronto rabbi confused by conflicting statements, the present leadership of Beth Tzedec has consistently rejected the terms of resolutions as they relate to the matters to be decided by binding arbitration.

He writes: "Furthermore, this was not an arbitrary decision of the Rabbinical Assembly, but of the Joint Placement Commission. The representatives of the seminary and the United Synagogue as well as the members of the Rabbinical Assembly all voted in favor with one opposed or abstaining.

"On the eve of Erev Rosh Hashanah, the president of the United Synagogue, Jack Stein, and several of his colleagues flew to Toronto to meet with Beth Tzedec to persuade them to accept these terms and were rebuffed. I have been puzzled and pained by the reports I have received, which I hope are not entirely accurate, of the silence of our colleagues in Toronto in the face of the 'big lie' that we have been 'arbitrary', 'immoral', and God knows what else, and the equally 'big lie' which is more subject to verification than allegations of immorality, that 'Beth Tzedec has clearly submitted this issue to binding arbitration' . . ."

Asked to comment on Rabbi Kelman's letter, Gellman said: "We regret that Rabbi Kelman does not find it at all objectionable that Rabbi Rosenberg has issued and is continuing to issue one lawsuit after another in the public courts. We regret Rabbi Kelman has placed the protection of rabbis' lifetime contracts above all else in Judaism.

"We have submitted to binding arbitration that is fair. We regret Rabbi Kelman and the R.A. insist as one of the terms that Rabbi Rosenberg must be re-instated and in full control of Beth Tzedec before we can talk."

voice of youth

By YAACOV HONIG

Habonim is an autonomous Labour Zionist movement affiliated with the Labour Zionist Movement of Canada. There are chapters in six major Canadian cities as well as throughout the entire world.

As a Zionist organization, one of its major aims is, naturally, to support the state of Israel through aliyah, and to strengthen the bonds between Jewish youth in the Diaspora and in Israel. Habonim is also dedicated to the creation of a new social order based on individual freedom and economic, as well as political, democracy.

A typical evening program includes the singing of Jewish and Israeli folk songs, discussions of specific events in Jewish or world history, current events affecting the Jewish community at home and abroad, or participating in a community or group activity. There is also an extensive program of local, regional and national seminars where members of the local groups meet with those from other cities in Canada and the United States for educational and social activities.

Habonim summer camps attempt to put ideals into practice by emphasizing Jewish and collective living, as well as providing regular summer camp activities. There is an educational program of Hebrew and regular discussions geared specifically to the various age levels of the campers. Everyone learns the positive value of labor by taking part collectively, to his or her ability, in the work necessary to keep the camp functioning. All take turns at such duties as preparing and serving meals, washing dishes, garbage collection, and other tasks.

There is also a North American leadership training camp for 17-year-olds called Machaneh Bonim, where members receive educational training to prepare them to act as leaders, as well as the practical experience of operating a camp for themselves. Habonim also sponsors a one-year workshop program in Israel for high school graduates, combining kibbutz living with an educational program.

For further information contact Howard Shidlowsky at 633-1101; in Montreal, call Gil Slonim at 489-1512; in Ottawa, call Reva Berman, at 745-7680.

The College Memorial Society continues its programme of providing scholarship assistance to young students who wish to pursue studies in institutions of higher Jewish learning. Shown above are members of the College Memorial Scholarship Committee presenting a cheque to Miss Sally Kodosh, an alumna of the Beth Jacob High School For Girls, who is planning a career in Jewish education, and is studying at the Gateshead Jewish Teachers Seminary in Gateshead, England.

Left to right: Rabbi Irwin E. Witty, executive director, Board of Jewish Education, who serves in an advisory capacity to the College Memorial Scholarship Committee; Mr. Sam Cohen, president of the Society; Miss Kodosh; Mr. Albert Mann and Mr. David Green, vice-presidents of the College Memorial.

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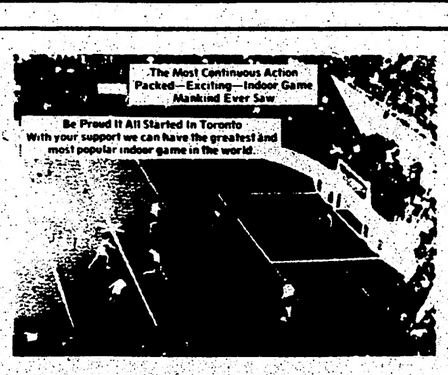
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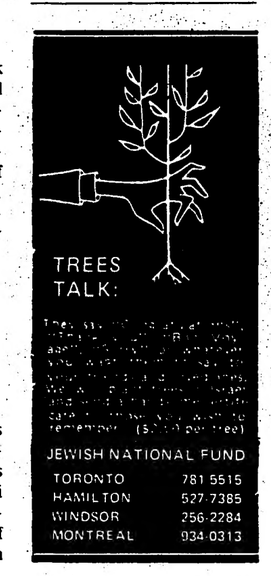

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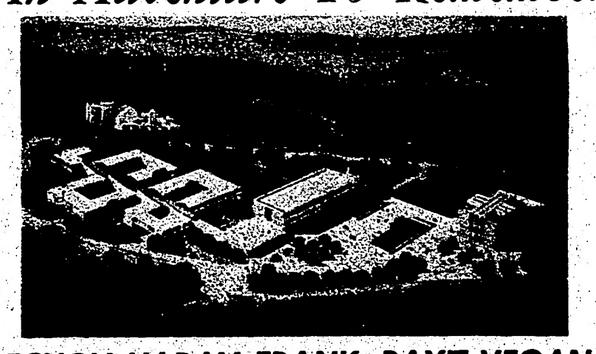

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Buying, seeing blend at mall

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. -

Shopping and sightseeing go together like toast and coffee along Miami Beach's Lincoln Mall, an open, tropically landscaped promenade between 16th and 17th Streets.

Silent electric trams complete a round trip of the mall in 15 minutes, the quickest and one of the most popular sightseeing tours in the country. Otherwise the broad sidewalks are reserved for pedestrian traffic except for north-south street crossings.

Smart shops, department stores, office buildings, restaurants, banks, theatres and other enterprises flank the mall along its eight blocks between Washington Avenue and Alton Road. Municipal off-street parking lots provide space for nearly 3,000 automobiles within a short walk.

Fountains, reflection pools and small, decorative structures are combined with lavish plantings along the length of the mall. Palms, hibiscus and other evergreen trees and shrubs form the background for beds of flowers that are changed with the seasons.

Poinsettias, for example, provide a Christmas red during the holidays, lilies a pristine white at Easter, begonias a blanket of pink through mid-winter, other flowers summer and autumn color.

Lincoln Mall was opened in 1960, funded by a bond issue assessed against adjoining business property. It is maintained by the Miami Beach parks department.

Big Kosher hotel undergoes facelift

MIAMI BEACH -

The oceanfront Crown Hotel - the largest kosher hotel in Miami Beach with 250 rooms - has had its public rooms refurbished and its Collins Avenue front designed into a "seating terrace" for guests.

The refurbishing and seating terrace are just two of the innovations made by the Murray Berkowitz family - owners and operators of the Crown - for the convenience of guests.

"We have added several innovations which we believe will make our guests feel even more at home," Berkowitz said. "We have set up a nightly tea-room and it has provided a social centre for the late-night crowd."

The Crown set a new precedent this year by having its hotel opened prior to the Rosh Hashanah-Yom Kippur Holidays and had services performed by the internationally known Cantor Lieb Raskin of Israel in the hotel's own synagogue.

Despite Berkowitz and his family's busy schedule with the hotel and guests during the holidays, they were among the Jewish leaders in the Miami area working to raise funds for the Israel Emergency Fund.

The Crown Hotel - which operates on the modified American Plan, with its meals prepared according to strict Orthodox supervision - serves two kosher meals daily in the beautiful Crystal dining room, except on the Sabbath when three meals are served.

In addition to its strictly kosher cuisine, the Crown Hotel has, for the past three seasons, held daily services conducted in its own synagogue. Besides the religious aspects of the Crown, it has complete hotel facilities, including its public areas, salt-water swimming pool, one full block of private beach, TV in all rooms, tennis courts, card room facilities, and its already famous Jolson Corner night club which features shows and dancing.

The Crown Hotel is one of the few remaining kosher hotels in Miami Beach and the most luxurious of those remaining. Although booked 100% during the holiday season, the Crown is now taking reservations for the balance of the winter season.

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Guts and cash rebuilt swamp

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. -

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The Roaring Twenties saw Miami Beach begin to toddle, then walk and finally gallop through the great Florida land boom until the bubble burst in 1925 and the great hurricane of 1926 flattened the burgeoning playland and put the finishing touches on most of the paper fortunes.

Collins was the first of the real Miami Beach pioneers to make the scene in person and leave a lasting memory. A respected horticulturist in his native New Jersey, John S. Collins involved himself originally with a $5,000 loan to friends who envisioned Miami Beach as the perfect farming land. He later paid his first visit to the island in the early 1890s. A friend described how Collins "walked into a virgin jungle of palmetto scrub, kneeled and dug into the earth with his hands, allowing the black, sandy loam to run through his fingers, the knowing fingers of a dirt farmer with more than half a century of experience behind him.

"That settled it. The last vestige of doubt was gone. As he rose to his feet and dusted the clinging particles of sand from his hands, Miami Beach was born."

Unfortunately, the birth was somewhat more complicated than Collins' contemporary made it sound.

By the turn of the century, Collins had overruled apprehensive partners and invested his cash in what was to become quickly the largest avocado grove in the world. To protect the young trees from strong winds off the ocean, Collins planted the twin lanes of Australian pine trees which now tower majestically over Pine Tree Drive. In 1909, Collins bought out his doubting associates and as an assist to his farming effort, launched plans for what is now the Collins Canal. It was dug from the present Lake Pancoast to Biscayne Bay and quickly recognized as one of the most beautiful features of Miami Beach.

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'United in determination to keep Israel alive...'

The war proved once and for all that when the chips are down, there are no divisions in the community, Murray B. Koffler declared at the annual meeting of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto.

Reporting on the 1974 United Jewish Appeal emergency campaign, of which he is chairman, Koffler said the success of the campaign to date shows clearly that "there are no divisions in our community. We are all Jews, united against a common enemy and united in the determination to do everything in our power to keep Israel alive."

Koffler warned that even if the cease-fire is a lasting one and if peace comes to Israel, the demand for funds will still exist. "The Israelis," he said, "have for 25 years been carrying a tremendous burden -- building a country and, at the same time, absorbing thousands of immigrants who come there with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

"Our UJA funds," he continued, "have always been used to help finance the essential health, welfare, social and educational services of Israel. The war has drained Israel's treasury and now **more than ever she needs our help in maintaining these services. That is why the need for funds is so great."**

Koffler declared further: "The Israelis are paying for the war. We must pay for the essential services her citizens must have."

Reviewing community action of the past few weeks, Koffler said no special signal was needed to mobilize the Jews of Metro Toronto. "It happened instinctively," he said. "Those of us in the campaign leadership knew what had to be done . . . and the community at large also knew and accepted its responsibilities without hesitation. Within hours after war broke out, a United Jewish Appeal cash collection campaign was in progress and millions of dollars were collected on outstanding pledges."

Then, said Koffler, came the decision to wrap up the 1973 campaign, as about 1,200 contributors who gave in 1972 had not yet made their 1973 gifts. The 1973 campaign chairman, Al Green, reactivated his campaign organization and within days, most of the outstanding cards were cleaned up. Koffler said exact figures are not yet available "but it looks like the 1973 campaign wound up with well over $9,000,000 - about a half a million more than anticipated."

Even before these two campaigns were completed, "there were overwhelming signs that the community wanted to do more. The community wanted - in fact insisted - on an emergency campaign," Koffler said.

Following a meeting held in New York with Israel's finance minister Pinchas Sapir, the decision was made to launch the 1974 campaign immediately, Koffler continued . . . "and thus it happened that within three days we organized and launched the 1974 campaign 10 weeks ahead of schedule. We worked out an agreement with the Bond organization to permit both UJA and Bonds to campaign simultaneously."

Koffler said that the campaign opening meeting, held at the Skyline Hotel, so impressed Pinchas Sapir, who was present - along with Jewish Agency chairman Leon Dulzin and Brig.-Gen. Chaim Laskov - that Sapir phoned Prime Minister Golda Meir to tell her about it. "Sapir said he had never before attended such an unusual fund-raising event," Koffler reported.

Chairman of the Business & Professions division, Eddie Brill (seated, at right) confers with his associate chairmen: (standing) Dr. Robert Disenhouse and Ben Samuels; (seated), Harold Martin, Hy Balsky and David Robbins. Missing from picture is associate chairman Harold Strom.

Dr. Gerald Halbert (left), chairman of UJA's campaign planning committee and Murray B. Koffler, 1974 campaign chairman, check notes prior to speaking at one of the many campaign meetings held within the past two weeks.

B & P division in high gear, campaign is the best ever

The Business and Professions division is having the most successful campaign ever, according to B & P chairman Eddie Brill.

"More people than ever are now conscious of their obligations as Jews," he said. "It's unfortunate that it takes a crisis to bring out this awareness. But I must admit the present emergency has made our job a lot easier."

250 lawyers turn out for opening meeting

The home of Sydney Robins, QC, was virtually bursting at the seams when 250 lawyers turned out for their opening meeting. Pledges unprecedented in any previous campaign were made during the evening, which more than tripled last year's total.

Chairman Donald Carr, QC, of the law firm of Goodman and Carr, offered the facilities of the firm's board room as headquarters for one week and had eight extra phones installed. Each day 40 lawyers volunteered a full day's service for personal solicitation.

Carr and his associate chairman Joseph Casse report that 900 cards have been distributed with 700 prospects already covered. They held a meeting of their seven key leaders to ensure a follow-up on outstanding cards.

"We have been getting far more individual contributions this year and with the tremendous increases, we expect our total achievement to be four times greater than in 1973," Carr stated.

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Every Jewish faculty member of the University of Toronto has been identified and canvassed, under the chairmanship of Prof. Arthur Kruger. The same thorough groundwork has been carried out at York University by Professors Irwin Silverman and Michael Brown, with a team of 20 working with them.

Two Israeli graduate students have been canvassing faculty at OISE (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education).

For the first time inroads have been made to seek out Jewish faculty at community colleges and a major thrust will be directed into this untapped area.

Welfare agency staffs held their opening meeting at Baycrest and David Andrews, chairman, reports gifts have already exceeded last year's total.

Brill paid tribute to his great team of associate chairmen "who are attending meetings daily and are working closely with their chairmen all the way down the line."

At the opening meeting of the jewelry group at the Primrose Club, co-chairmen Lawrence Wenger and Joe Eisen reported the biggest attendance ever recorded since the group was first organized. Rabbi Irwin Witty was guest speaker and results from that meeting were double the total raised last year.

Well ahead of last year in fund-raising is the hardware group, as the result of a well-attended meeting at the home of Lou Litwin. Chairman Karl Bald is making certain that follow-ups on cards are being carried through.

Co-chairmen Charles Caplan and Eric Levitt report a large turnout of the furniture group at Futurion Showrooms, at which campaign chairman Murray B. Koffler was the guest speaker for this opening meeting.

The automotive group turned out in full force at the opening fund-raising meeting called by chairman Sid Bearg, at the Primrose Club. Cards were distributed and the increased pledges got the meeting off to a good start.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda synagogue was the location chosen for the opening meeting of the pharmacists. Chairman Frank Levine reports that pledges were as high as three and four times that of the previous year. An unexpected feature was the appearance of Dr. Mordecai Gerstein, an Israeli cardiologist, who brought films of wounded men getting medical aid in the battle area around Golan Heights.

Over 100 accountants attended the opening meeting of their group at the Primrose Club. Ralph Fisher, chairman, reports that many of his colleagues took time off to do personal canvassing for the emergency campaign. Pledges are double that of 1973.

Insurance co-chairmen Sheldon Taerk and Earl Weintraub are doing a personal canvass job for the group and report many are contributing to the campaign for the first time.

Prime Minister Golda Meir attended - by satellite - a meeting of optometrists at the home of co-chairman Dr. Milton Teitel. Dr. Teitel and his co-chairman Dr. Ralph Swartz thought of the novel idea of using Mrs. Meir's appearance on the television show, Face the Nation, as the attraction for their fund-raising meeting, resulting in 100% increases in pledges over last year.

'Spectacular' response...

"Spectacular" is the word used by Joe Berman, senior co-chairman of the construction division, to describe the response of the 80 top people in the industry who attended a fund-raising meeting at his home. The cash and pledges realized from that one meeting was double the amount raised by the division in all of 1973.

Follow-up meetings at the Zionist Centre, Temple Sinai and the Primrose Club saw companies pledging increases as high as ten times that of the previous year. In addition, many principals in the firms made personal pledges. Several non-Jewish companies in related industries have made sizable unsolicited contributions.

Pre-solicited gifts and advance gifts accounted for more than triple the 1973 total raised by the heavy industries group at the opening meeting at the home of chairman, Jack Spears. "It's fantastic," Mr. Spears stated, "when you realize we haven't even begun our card coverage."

Seniors form UJA division

The Association of Senior Clubs has organized a fund-raising division for the 1974 United Jewish Appeal emergency campaign. Representatives from 14 clubs met for a policy-making meeting at Baycrest where it was unanimously decided to form the UJA division to distribute pledge cards and canvass their more than 2,000 members.

This will become a permanent wing of the ASC, operating in the same way as other UJA groups in the business and professions, synagogues and societies divisions. It will give the elderly an opportunity to play an important fund-raising role in the annual campaign.

Women's telethon set for November 18

In a letter to women contributors, 1974 UJA Women's Division chairman Ida Kent, said: "Let's take women's giving out of the token class." In the few weeks since the emergency campaign started, it looks like the distaff side of Toronto's Jewish community has received the message.

Marilyn Levin and Marjorie Kates, chairman and vice-chairman of Ramah gifts of $1,000 or over, have just about completed the cards for their division and report many new contributors in the $1,000 category.

New names and substantial increases are also reported in Crown gifts by co-chairmen Lila Posluns and Donna Sherman. Many previous contributors of modest amounts have moved up to this $400 and over bracket.

Women are responding to the emergency campaign with great enthusiasm, turning out for the many meetings that have taken place in synagogues, private homes, apartments and anywhere else they were asked to come. Susan Cohon, chairman of advance gifts and her vice-chairman Harriet Dennis, had a very successful fund-raising morning meeting at Mrs. Cohon's home, with Israel consul-general, Shmuel Ovnat, as guest speaker.

Ida Kent, chairman of UJA women's division, calls on women to treble their pledges for 1974 emergency campaign.

A telethon has been set for November 18, with a prior mailing going out to the community to make women aware of the call they will receive, and asking them to increase their contributions.

Leaders in all the women's divisions are going all out to contact women who have never contributed to UJA. These first-time givers are being sought out through organizations, sisterhoods, and a more comprehensive coverage of apartments.

Young Women's Leadership, under chairman Pat Appleton and vice-chairman Louise Starkman are uncovering new names and have had great results in adding to the list wives of young business and professional men, never before involved in the campaign.

Also planned is a special effort to organize golf clubs so as to canvass women members who have never been approached before or those who have relied on their husbands' contributions to cover them as well.

The whole thrust of the Women's Division campaign for 1974 is to upgrade giving and the level of participation by women. The women have set up a guideline which will encourage them to put aside a small amount from their weekly household budget.

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"This gives the non-working woman an assessment of what can be done on a realistic scale," Ida Kent stated.

Volunteers pitch in at Beverley St. HQ

The offices and board room of the UJA headquarters on Beverley Street have been a non-stop hub of activity since the day after Yom Kippur. Volunteers have been putting in 12-hour days and many weekends, assisting regular staff in sorting out pledge cards, making deliveries, typing receipts and handling just about any clerical duty the overtaxed staff is unable to take care of.

Housewives and mothers see their husbands and children off in the morning and make their way downtown to put in a full day's work, rarely taking time off for lunch. Women who haven't been in the work force for years and students are coming in to help in whatever way they can.

Sheila Diamond, a former secretary with the Jewish Family and Child Service, volunteered her services the moment the war broke out and hasn't missed a day since. "I've never worked so hard in my life," she said, "but I'll keep coming as long as I'm needed."

Another "veteran" volunteer who hasn't missed a day is Michael Kociol. Presently between jobs, Michael has been making pickups and deliveries, doing clerical work and even assisting with the distribution of pledge cards at night meetings. When asked why he's putting in so much time, he answered: "It's the least I can do. Everyone has to pitch in and do what has to be done, whether it's giving money or performing a service. This is the only way I can contribute."

For Hillel Wilks, a retired upholsterer, it's a family affair. His daughter Marlene Sefton comes in each morning with her two-year-old son Daniel, who is also a helper . . . well, at least he's a scene brightener. When a member of the staff tried to thank Mr. Wilks, he said: "Why should you want to thank me? It's a privilege to be able to help."

Loukie Deleeuw is a freelance bookkeeper who has taken days off from her work to type receipts.

With all the activities in the board room there is a general feeling of camaraderie, of working together for a common purpose. And there have been dividends. Elaine Ortus, Marlene Lasta and Paula Hagel had never met before the emergency. Working together every day for three or more weeks, they have become close friends.

"What these volunteers have done for us is immeasurable in terms of money," Murray B. Koffler, 1974 UJA campaign chairman stated. "I don't see how we could have possibly handled the workload without their dedicated help. It reaffirms everything I know and feel about the men and women in Toronto's Jewish community."

Spontaneous response

The synagogues of Metropolitan Toronto began to organize their members for the emergency campaign the moment news of the Arab attack was made known on Yom Kippur. Chairman Mike Harris said: "I've never seen anything like it. There was a spontaneous response for immediate action right from the outset of the war."

Overall chairman of synagogues and societies, Izy Stern, reports many societies have emptied their treasuries while others have given treasury gifts in larger amounts than ever previously contributed.

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Clubs call for UJA support

Resolutions approved by the executives and membership of four of Toronto's leading Jewish clubs call for support, through a "responsible" contribution by members for the 1974 United Jewish Appeal emergency campaign.

The Primrose Club -- which six years ago set up a special committee to encourage members to accept their responsibilities to Israel and the local Jewish community -- set the pattern for other clubs to follow, according to the president, Dr. Joshua Chesnie.

Mel Katz, president of Oakdale, Bing Levinter, president of Northwood and Harry Hennick, president of Maple Downs, through their executives, have agreed to join forces with the Primrose Club in organizing the Inter Club Council, primarily designed to keep members aware of the need to make a meaningful UJA contribution.

At a fund-raising meeting of the Primrose Club membership, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut and UJA campaign chairman Murray B. Koffler elicited a spontaneous response following their account of the devastating effect the war has had on Israel's economy. With only half the cards covered, increases are reported to be more than two-and-a-half times over 1973. Similar encouraging responses marked meetings of the golf clubs.

Doctors see films of wounded

Board rooms and auditoriums in eleven hospitals throughout Toronto have seen unprecedented turnouts of Jewish doctors who have rallied as never before to do what they can for the UJA emergency campaign.

Dr. Abe Bernstein, chairman of the physicians group, reports that with less than half the cards canvassed, pledges already total more than double the amount the doctors raised last year.

Dr. Mordecai Gerstein, chief cardiologist at Rambam Hospital in Safad, addressed several meetings, bringing with him film footage of wounded men being treated in the fighting zone around Golan Heights. "Seeing this film, so fresh from the war, was far more effective than any appeal by a speaker," Dr. Bernstein stated. Another doctor newly-returned from the Israel battlegrounds, Dafna Gladman, gave a detailed account of what was happening in hospitals throughout Israel.

The Mount Sinai Hospital board of directors recorded 100% card coverage with very substantial increases at a meeting at which Murray B. Koffler, 1974 UJA campaign chairman, was the principal speaker.

There was standing room only at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Robins when 250 lawyers gathered for opening campaign meeting of their division. It was one of the most successful fund-raising events ever held for UJA.

The Koffler home at Jokers Hill was the scene of the opening meeting of UJA Young Men's Leadership. Irving Gerstein, co-chairman, is seen addressing the large turnout of young business and professional men.

Arts

Produced in memory of Arthur Title for Beth El Synagogue, Aba Bayefsky's Out of Bondage is yet another example of this Canadian painter's work.

'Non-pretty' mural conveys strong feelings

art

By PAULA DAVID

Aba Bayefsky, the Canadian painter, is a man whose art has continually reflected social conditions around him. Torontonians will remember his colorful Kensington and St. Lawrence Market scenes, which captured beautifully a section of Toronto life that is still thriving today.

Perhaps less well known, and definitely more sombre, are the sketches he produced at Belsen Concentration Camp as a war artist. As a consistent humanist, Aba Bayefsky has managed in much of his work to portray the dichotomy of human suffering and achievement with a sensitivity that pervades his work.

Based on these qualities, in 1962 Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mendelow commissioned him to create a mural to be donated to Beth El Synagogue in memory of Arthur Title. The only restrictions were those created by the physical environment, and Bayefsky produced **Out of Bondage**, an 11 by 15 foot mural in poly vinyl acetate.

Even in a small black and white reproduction, the force and dynamic of the mural are exceptionally strong, and it is definitely not the usual "pretty" synagogue picture. It contains a strong social and religious feeling, and is not the type of art, that blends in with the decor, available only for the occasional glance. The donors, in giving him his licence, and Bayefsky in taking full advantage of a prime viewing space, provided the synagogue with an important piece of contemporary relevant Canadian Jewish art.

In 1970, when Beth El Synagogue merged with Temple Emanu-El, the mural was put in storage due to physical limitations. If memory serves, correctly the predominant colors were deep reds and blues lightened by large white sections. It is a work that I found disturbing at the time, and it is only in retrospect that I realize the strength of impact it had on so many people.

Every one asked, who had seen the mural, not only remembers it, but inevitably comments upon it. I would think one of the supreme compliments to the artist is that his work left an impression and that these feelings run the gamut from unsettled, negative to total admiration.

Bayefsky paints in the social tradition of the Mexican muralists, and it is indicative in elation to the Beth El mural, that the Mexicans have a great respect even for the most unsettling of the countries mural masterpieces. Bayefsky's mural raised many questions concerning the role of synagogue art – should it be merely decorative or contain some type of relevant message, and in either case, should it provide a source of contemplative material?

These issues are of a personal nature, a likely should be decided by the individual synagogue, but it was **Out of Bondage** that set a precedent for Toronto synagogue art, establishing itself as an art historical contribution of some merit. The work is now in the hands of Bayefsky and Mendelow and a new location is being considered.

Since the creation of **Out of Bondage** Aba Bayefsky's art has evolved to a style that is known throughout Canada. His most recent exhibition was in Hamilton at Temple Anshe Sholom.

The Summer Before The Dark

Marital breakdown examined

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Summer Before The Dark, by Doris Lessing, - Clarke, Irwin & Co., Ltd. - $7.25.

It is generally agreed that Doris Lessing is the most intelligent woman writing fiction in England today. All of her books have aroused intense interest and fierce devotion. Her remarkable novel **The Golden Notebook** is undoubtedly one of the landmark books of the '60s.

Concerned primarily with failure and breakdown of marital relationships, Doris Lessing brings to her work a keen awareness of the political scene during the past 30 years, a profound knowledge of the psychoanalytical method and a strident affirmation of the rights of women. She has attracted to her banner a legion of young women who regard her as mentor and emancipator.

Her newest novel poses the following question: What happens when an attractive, intelligent wife and mother of four discovers at the age of 45 that she is no longer needed by her family? For Kate Brown the immediate shock is cushioned by an interesting job she obtains as a translator for an international food organization. But when this temporary work is finished, her family is still dispersed and her house rented to strangers. So, hesitant, Kate goes off to Spain with a personable young American of 33, for what appears to be a casual and amusing affair.

Alas, first her companion and then the increasingly unhappy heroine fall victim to a stubborn, undisguised ailment. Leaving her helpless lover, she flees back to London and slowly recuperates in a hotel room. She is overcome by both physical weakness and psychic dismay. At last she rents an inexpensive room in a large house occupied by a vivacious, immature 20-year-old girl who isn't sure which of her suitors to marry. Gaunt and hollow-eyed, as the result of her illness, her once beautifully dyed hair now showing ugly streaks of grey, Kate considers her future and attempts to help her youthful friend as she comes to terms with herself.

The book ends with the protagonist prepared to return to her home and family. She has achieved a new strength and resiliency. "She knew now . . . that all her life she had been held upright by an invisible fluid, the notice of other people. But the fluid had been drained away."

The slight story – beautifully and evocatively related – is burdened by the somewhat murky symbolism of a recurrent, serial dream in which Kate carries an injured seal in her arms ever northward towards the sea into which it can finally be released. Kate's final dream involving the redemption of the seal marks at the same time the bursting of bonds of superficiality and immaturity that have restricted her own growth and freedom.

The author stacks the cards against poor Kate. One wonders why her journey to self-understanding had to include illness, an abortive affair and a rejection of her physical appearance. Surely a middle-aged matron can come to terms with herself and her status less traumatically.

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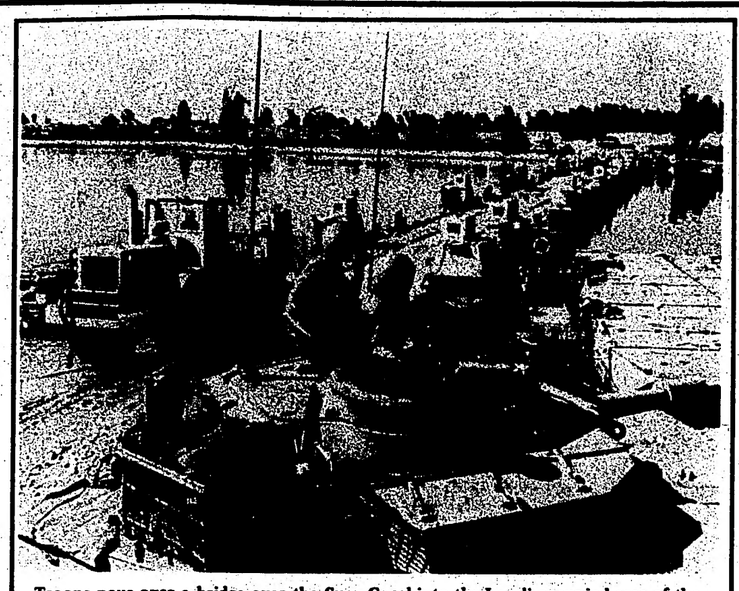

Troops pour over a bridge over the Suez Canal into the Israeli-occupied area of the West Bank. A cease-fire was called as the Israelis surrounded the Egyptians.

Guidelines issued by Toronto rabbis

TORONTO – The Toronto Board of Rabbis has issued a set of suggested guidelines which it feels should apply to public and personal activities in the Jewish community during Israel's emergency.

The statement, over the signature of the president, Rabbi Albert Pappenheim, urges that no communal, organizational or institutional events of a joyous or festive social character, such as dances and banquets, should be held from now until the beginning of Chanukah.

It is further recommended, in view of the present United Jewish Appeal emergency campaign, that synagogues, organizations, and institutions restrict their individual fund raising events.

"We also urge celebrants of private simchas, such as weddings and bar mitzvahs, to show concern for Israel by making their joyous event the occasion for a meaningful contribution to Israel," the statement says.

Journalist: Why did Egypt stop?

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the points where they had been instructed to halt."

In an interview during her visit to Toronto, she said Israelis were not as shocked as they were furious when Egypt and Syria attacked on Yom Kippur. "It wasn't so much that it was on Yom Kippur. It was because we thought we were coming nearer to an understanding between Arabs and Jews."

Mrs. Kaplansky is on a North American tour sponsored by her government to promote State of Israel Bonds. She was speaking at a special luncheon of the women's division of the Toronto State of Israel Bond drive honoring women purchasers of $1,000 Bonds and larger at the home of Mrs. Gerald Shefsky, 96 Old Forest Hill Rd.

In a "woman to woman" talk, Mrs. Kaplansky said she knew something was going on before sirens broke the Yom Kippur silence and announced the war. Her son, who is serving in the air force, had not come home on leave for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as expected.

She told the women that Israel can no longer afford the luxury of relaxing. "Our officers say this is the first time they really know what war is," she added.

Mrs. Kaplansky, a mother of three children all in the armed forces, said the soldiers needed small things - talcum powder for sore feet, ointment for chapped lips, packages of moist napkins for grimy faces.

"Between mothers, we know what these things mean to a son," she said. And the women attending the luncheon responded by donating over $400 to send these articles to Israel.

UJA emergency campaign sets Nov. 25 as completion target

TORONTO – Sunday, Nov. 25 has been set as the target date for the maximum completion of card coverage in the 1974 United Jewish Appeal emergency campaign, Murray B. Koffler, campaign chairman, informed a report meeting at Beth Tzedec Synagogue last week.

Speaking to the chairmen of all the business and professions groups, women's division and synagogues and societies, Koffler explained he had been asked to give a progress report on Toronto's campaign to the president of Israel when he arrives there with the First President's Study Mission which leaves Toronto on November 26.

As chairmen reported on the progress made to date in their divisions, they expressed confidence that with extra effort they would be able to meet the early deadline. Without exception, each said increases in pledging were three and four times greater than in 1973, as evidenced from the cards already turned in.

In discussing the First President's Study Mission which will proceed as scheduled from Nov. 26 to Dec. 5, Koffler said: "I have personally spoken with the appropriate officials in Israel, who are even more anxious to receive our group, as they are so aware of the most responsible contributions and expressions of solidarity that have come from the Toronto community.

"As you can appreciate, there is a great deal of interest in the mission and we have already received many responses and enquiries. There are a limited number of openings still available which we are holding for our most active and responsible community members."

Although he was pleased with the way the campaign has shaped up so far, Koffler said there could be no letup and urged campaigners to continue to strive for maximum results from their canvassers and to keep motivation strong in their workers.

The closing date for the campaign was announced. It will wind up with a community dinner in the Canadian Room of the Royal York Hotel on Sunday, Jan. 13.

Treasure hunt

HAMILTON –

A steady stream of bargain hunters defied pouring rain and bitter winds to attend the Treasures from Hamilton Homes sale held at Temple Anshe Sholom recently. And with umbrellas protecting their purchases, they hurried back to their cars carrying away anything from enormous chandeliers to jewelry.

Response to the sale was "beyond our wildest expectations" reported an elated Sharon Enkin. "And we pulled it off in only two weeks."

Mrs. L.H. Enkin, president of Hamilton ORT and chairman of the sale, had every reason to be pleased, for the idea had been hers.

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By that time, Mrs. Enkin was doing some quick thinking. In no time at all she had a committee and a general mobilization of all Jewish women's organizations in Hamilton was under way.

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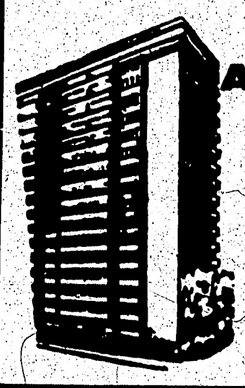

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Home hunting & decorating keeps local actress busy

By LYNN SLOTKIN

Marilyn Lightstone

Between looking for a new house, decorating the lobby of CITY-TV, and rehearsing the part of Eliante in **The Misanthrope** (now playing at the St. Lawrence Centre), life has been hectic for actress Marilyn Lightstone.

The centre is a special place for her. "It's not just another job working at the St. Lawrence because I feel at home in the company. I would probably do a role for the St. Lawrence Centre that I probably wouldn't say yes to for another theatre. I feel that we are building some kind of company and ensemble."

What was it like playing Goneril to Lee J. Cobb's **King Lear** at Lincoln Centre in 1968, I ask, expecting her to answer in nothing but superlatives. "All right, not as nice as working in Canada," she replies. Indeed, this is where she wants to stay.

"My man is here, (the man in question is Moses Znaimer, program director and one of the founders and guiding lights of CITY-TV, hence the lobby decorating). My home is here. Such exciting things have been happening here, there's been no dirth of creative activity."

Miss Lightstone has been lucky in her career, having played a variety of good parts. (After **The Misanthrope** she goes to the Manitoba Theatre Centre to play in **The Dybbuk**). Her parents were also a help. They never said, "What's a nice Jewish girl like you going to do in the theatre?"

She says, "my parents are very understanding people; very democratic people who don't believe in determining someone else's lifestyle."

It's hard to believe that Miss Lightstone (whose looks are generally described as fresh, scrubbed, marvellous) would ever be typecast, but she has. She's played a lot of Jewish roles. **The Dybbuk** is a Jewish role, so is the part she did in the film **Lies My Father Told Me.**

But as she says, "Funnily enough, the only place I've been typecast in this particular way, as far as Jewishness, is on the radio - the CBC has typecast me in the Jewish parts, of which I'm delighted, I don't mind at all - but only Jewish roles? It's very strange. On the stage I've played Greek tragedies and Shakespeare." It's no wonder she finds this casting situation a little humorous.

There is no one role, however, she has aspirations of doing. "Any good roles; there's never been any one. Sometimes the things that you take on, that don't appeal to you particularly, are the things you wind up enjoying most. The little bit I did in **Touch of the Poet** (last year at the centre) gave me more satisfaction, ultimately, than going off to play Goneril in **King Lear** opposite Lee J. Cob."

Miss Lightstone has definite opinions on reviewers for instance. "They're entitled to their opinion. I just wish they'd keep it to themselves," she says rather animatedly. She tries not to read reviews, "unless they're thrust under my face. I don't see the point. I think they do far more harm than good. Their whole place in the theatre has been totally thrown out of perspective by newspapers, audiences and also reviewers. I'm perfectly willing to let them go their way and I'll go mine."

She felt people should make up their own minds as to a play's worth. So with one last sip of tea and a smile, Marilyn Lightstone went her way to find her dream house, finish her decorating and perfect the part of Eliante.

Symphony director's work hampered Israeli soloist

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By RICK KARDONNE

The conductor of a symphony orchestra sets the mood. Ideally, he should be so familiar with his scores, he can devote all of his energy towards bringing out a maximum creative expression on the part of his instrumentalists. This is the quality that distinguishes the great conductors of our time, such as Zubin Meata, Seiji Ozawa and the late great Karel Ancerl.

This all-important quality is lacking in former Warsaw Philharmonic director Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, who led the Toronto Symphony on Oct. 30-31 in a concert starring violinist Zvi Zeitlin. I sensed Skrowaczewski's unfamiliarity with the three works which featured the Russian-born, Israeli-raised Zeitlin as soloist. As a result, his timidly meticulous and mechanical leadership hampered Zeitlin's performance. Clearly, Zeitlin was not given the opportunity to fully express himself.

I have rarely heard as dry an interpretation of Mozart as was Skrowaczewski's rendition of **Adagio for violin and orchestra in E major** and **Rondo for violin and orchestra in C major**. There was no grace or charm whatsoever, and this is what Mozart is supposed to be all about. Zeitlin's tone was very clean and jewel-like, but it lacked any degree of variation.

During Stravinsky's violin concerto in D major, Zeitlin did all he could to break loose from Skrowaczewski's straitjacket. His technically flawless, bold yet soulful performance compensated for the conductor's lack of phrasing and resulting mechanical interpretation on the part of the orchestra. Here, one could amply sense Zeitlin's mature skill as a performer.

Skrowaczewski was more confident conducting the two works that did not feature Zeitlin: Carl Weber's overture to **Der Freischutz** and Shostokovich's **Symphony #5**. The Weber piece, although thematically unmemorable, was competently performed with a certain amount of polish.

Although I have heard more exciting renditions of the Shostokovich symphony, Skrowaczewski's flawless craftsmanship must be noted, along with his ability to extract from the TSO a solid, tight performance. But here again, except for the famous final theme, his conducting lacked humanity. The first two movements sounded especially wooden. There was just no flair; no real spark of lasting life.

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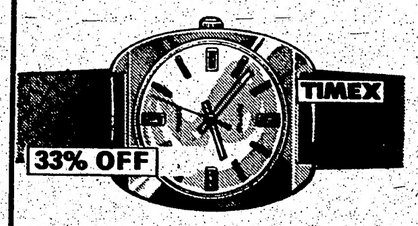

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